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Plans for Porthcawl's maritime centre going on display

PLANS for a new maritime centre near Porthcawl Harbour have been lodged with the council, and the public will have a chance to look and comment on the proposals.

Porthcawl Harbourside CIC recently submitted a planning application for the Porthcawl Maritime Centre and Harbour Quarter at Cosy Corner, and will be holding a public consultation event at The Y Centre on Saturday, June 4, from 10am to 4pm.

The GEM understands that submitting the planning application was an essential step in the process of applying for grant funding.

A spokeswoman for Porthcawl Harbourside said: "SeaQuest, our coastal science and discovery division is already operational and provides sessions for local schoolchildren, groups and families.

"SeaQuest also organises regular talks on local marine ecology. Thanks to Coastal Communities Funding, we have recently taken delivery of our 'Sea Bus', which came all the way from the USA.

"The sea bus is a travelling rock pool aquarium and will help us to deliver further SeaQuest sessions during term time and school holidays, displaying on-shore ecology, food chains and habitats.

"Thanks to The Welsh Church Fund, we have also purchased a beach wheelchair, which will make our outdoor sessions inclusive."

More details on Harbourside and SeaQuest events can be found on www.porthcawl-harbourside.co.uk,www.facebook.com/HarboursidePorthcawl and twitter.com/HarboursidePro.

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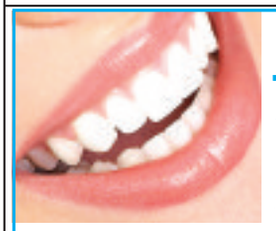

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An inspirational home that cares for the elderly

AT a time when there is so much publicity about dementia and the care and support for sufferers and their carers – and concern about nursing homes, I feel I must tell you of my own experience.

My 86-year-old husband was already starting to lose interest in life, suffered arthritic pain for years after several orthopaedic operations, and had been diagnosed with dementia when he had a stroke in October 214.

As a result, he was hospitalised for six weeks and did not regain his mobility. His mental health was declining and he was 'bed-blocking'.

The staff on Ward 18 at Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend were very helpful and he was given a place at Pen-y-bont Court, Ewenny.

He remained there for 15 months before he recently passed away.

What an experience it was for us as a family, to see and feel the wonderful care he had there.

We were always welcomed by such a happy, caring staff. We knew he could be difficult, but they really knew how to handle him.

This nursing home is such a wonderful example of how to cope with all the problems of older people.

There is strong leadership, always someone available to speak to; a listening staff, male and female, of varying ages.

We were amazed at the attitude of young carers, so well trained. He built up a relationship with all of them and I have been told how they miss him – it's a lot quieter now!

Everything about this home was positive – excellent food, trips out for lunch for people well enough to cope, lovely gardens.

The whole place is inspirational, and an example of what other homes should aspire to.

Mair Griffiths, Llantwit Major.

'Battles impact communities'

CAN I commend Alun Robertson for his excellent article reminding readers that battles such as that at Jutland impacted on communities throughout this area?

If he had pursued his researches further west, he would have added at least one more name – that of Arthur Jones of Llantwit Major.

He had been born in Llantwit but his father, Thomas, hailed from Carew in Pembrokeshire and his mother, Emma, from Rockfield in Monmouthshire.

Thomas was employed as a coachman and general labourer and the family lived in Colhugh Street.

It seems that Arthur had joined the navy well before the outbreak of war as he was recorded in 1911 amongst the crew of *HMS Blake*, the parent ship of the 2nd Torpedo Boat Flotilla.

On May 31, 1916, he was serving aboard *HMS Defence*, the flagship of Admiral Robert Arbuthnot.

Having engaged and seriously damaged the German cruiser Weisbaden, Arbuthnot's vessels were moving in for the kill – but came under severe fire from a German squadron, made up of a battle cruiser and four dreadnoughts.

The *Defence* was hit by two heavy salvoes and the vessel disappeared in a roar of flame.

Nigel Williams, Llantwit Major History Society.

'Avoid food waste and address food poverty'

AT the May meeting of the Pen-y-Fai WI, new president Angela Smith welcomed everyone and introduced the new committee.

The members were asked to listen to presentations on the WI resolutions that have been selected to go forward to the annual WI meeting in Brighton, June 2016.

Chris Phillips spoke on 'Avoid Food Waste, Address Food Poverty'.

Jennifer Thomas spoke on 'HM Government and the NHS to provide facilities for carers to stay with Alzheimer's and dementia patients in hospital'.

Sue Davies, Pen-y-Fai's delegate at the Spring Council Meeting in Port Talbot, gave an informative account of the day.

There was positive feedback from members who attended the link meeting last month at Archbishop McGrath School.

The meeting ended with a quiz organised by Ann Conibere.

The next meeting will be on June 20 when the talk will be on 'Working with Willow'.

SHEILA DAVID

Women in brackets

I AM at a loss to understand why, in your article on the Cowbridge Food Festival in last week's GEM, you said: *"The men (and women) behind businesses such as…"*

In brackets. Really? Women being the afterthought? Women being the thing you suppose you should mention really, just to even things out?

Never mind the fact that at least one of those businesses is founded and managed solely by women, and that's without me doing any research on the others.

I don't expect you to print this on your letters page. I do expect you however to print an apology for what was blatant misogyny either on the part of your reporter or you, the editor.

Heather Davies, Llantwit Major.

An ode

JACK and Jill went down the hill,
To see some Punch and Judy;
But what a shock, to lose the plot,
By grown-ups getting moody.

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Make a scarecrow, and join in the horticultural fun at Heronsbridge!

Some of last year's scarecrow competition entries at Heronsbridge School.

HERONSBRIDGE School in Bridgend is opening up its gardens and orchard to the public and wants to mark the occasion in style – by creating a whole field of scarecrows!

On Sunday, June 26, the school will be taking part in 'RHS Open Garden Day' from 1pm–4pm, and local families, schools, nurseries and clubs are all invited to add to the fun by making their own scarecrows which will take pride of place on the day and be entered into a competition.

The scarecrows will need to be made in advance and Rosamund Davies from the Royal Horticultural Society will judge entries. The winners will receive gardening equipment for their school, as well as free advice from award-winning garden designer Anthea Guthrie.

Heronsbridge headteacher Glynis James said: "Last year, we had all sorts of imaginative scarecrows, including a mermaid, witch, wicker lady, onion seller and even a Bob Marley! We'd love to see even more creative designs this year, and fill an entire field with them as we open up our gardens to the public."

To register for the scarecrow competition, phone Heronsbridge on 01656 653974 or email allisonrowlands@aol.com. Scarecrows will need to be brought to the school between June 20-24, and the judging will take place on Sunday, June 26.

Choirs on song for annual concert

CANTORION Coety is delighted to report that it will have special guests at its third annual concert, to be held at Tabernacl Chapel, Bridgend, on June 10.

Rhydian Jenkins, who is studying at Cardiff, will be performing as the lead soloists. Rhydian has won many prestigious competitions at the National Urdd Eisteddfod and the National Eisteddfod of Wales over recent years. He is much in demand in both Wales and England.

Other solos will be performed by nine-year-old Nia Compton, who attends Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr, Bridgend. Nia is at the very early stages of her competitive singing, and is due to compete at the Urdd Eisteddfod to be held at Flint this year.

Cantorion Coety is equally delighted to report that Ogmore Vale Male Voice Choir will perform at this special occasion. The two choirs shared the stage at Ogmore Choir's own centre at Ogmore Vale for the St David's Day celebrations this year.

The annual concert will be a welcome opportunity for the choirs to meet again.

The evening will be a very busy one for musical director Eira Paskin and Gareth Waite as the accompanist, who will perform both tasks for each of the choirs. Dr John Elfed Jones, Cantorion Coety's resident, is the compère for the evening.

The performance to commence at 7pm, and tickets are available from any member or officer of Cantorion Coety, or at the door.

Alun Roberts Jones

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 9)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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05 Sun	07.11	10.1	19.36	10.2
06 Mon	07.59	10.2	20.21	10.3
07 Tues	08.47	10.2	21.09	10.1
08 Wed	09.34	9.9	21.54	9.8
09 Thur	10.17	9.5	22.36	9.3

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YOUTH THEATRE JUNIORS PUT ON WARTIME MUSICAL

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Set at the outbreak of the Second World War, this is the story of the 'invasion' of a Welsh village by child evacuees from London, and their scrapes and adventures with the (at first) hostile local children.

The musical centres around a young London lad, Kip, and follows his first experiences of love and war, with a memorable score by the TV and film composer Carl Davis.

Roger Burnell, artistic director of Bridgend Youth Theatre, said: "The young performers have, yet again, been fully committed to the adventure. Their sheer joy in rehearsals has been a pleasure to behold."

The 140- strong cast is drawn from ages 3 –16 and they are directed by Shelley Rees Owen and Naiomi Pearl Roberts.

Now in its 18th year, Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) is an established BAFTA award-winning theatre company, run in partnership with It's My Shout Productions Ltd.

It offers experiences in theatre, film and television, and many BYT graduates now work in the industry on a regular basis.

The show is on at the Porthcawl Grand Pavilion on Friday, June 3 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm; Saturday, June 4 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Box Office – 01656 815995 to book tickets in advance.

Library thanks Valmai for 37 years of service

A WHOLE new chapter is about to begin for the longest-serving library assistant in the county borough of Bridgend.

Valmai Davies retired from Porthcawl Library on May 28, after working 37 years at the same branch; Valmai began working there in 1979.

Since then, the library has been managed by Mid Glamorgan County Council, Bridgend County Borough Council, and most recently the independent charity Awen Cultural Trust.

Yet, it is the library's move to a computerised system in the summer of 1992 that Valmai says was the biggest change in the service she's seen during her career.

She explained: "When I started work, borrowers exchanged library tickets for books.

"Each book would have a loose card in a pocket inside the front cover, which we would take out, and stamp the date that the book was due back.

"We would then file the ticket, which gave details about the borrower, with the book card, under its due date. The procedure was reversed when the book was returned.

"On a busy Saturday, around 1,000 books would be borrowed, so it was a very time consuming process which involved lots of filing and counting, all of which the computer system does automatically now of course.

"We also used to have very long waiting times for popular titles including *The Thorn Birds* by Colleen McCullough, as we had far less copies available to us".

Valmai also adds that libraries are not such quiet places now, with the introduction of weekly 'bounce and rhyme' sessions for babies and other special events designed to encourage children and their families to visit the library and borrow the books.

Richard Hughes, chief executive of Awen Cultural Trust, said that almost four decades of service was a remarkable achievement worth celebrating.

He said: "Valmai has made a significant contribution to the library service over the past 37 years and we would like to thank her for her loyalty and dedication over this time.

She is well known in Porthcawl so without doubt she is going to be greatly missed by the regular library users.

"On behalf of her colleagues and customers, past and present, we wish Valmai well in her retirement."

Valmai may be retiring, but she will still be a familiar sight at the library, as she scans the shelves for books on countries she is planning to visit in her new free time!

Valmai Davies at Porthcawl Library.

Wildmill Youth Club says 'thank you' for £3,500 grant

WILDMILL Youth Club has received a grant from Sun Credit solar fund for £3,585.23

Debbie Bryn and the volunteers said they would like to thank Sun Credit and Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations for the grant which would enable them to provide activites for children and young people aged eight to 17 years old and their families.

Senior volunteer, Debbie Bryn said: "We would like to thank Sun Credit solar fund for the grant, and support of BAVO to enable us to provide the activities. We will have a busy summer and 12 months ahead.

"Wildmill youth club is going from strength to strength since it reopened its doors in April 2015.

"The youth club is run by a group of local community members and provides an open access youth club provision for children and young people aged eight to 25 years old. We encourage young people 18 plus to become volunteers and have opportunities to access free training.

"We currently host Millennium Volunteers Programme for young people ages 14-25yrs, which is provided by BAVO.

"Younger children are welcome to attend on our Wednesday sessions from 4.30pm to 6.30pm but must be accompanied by parents orcarers. On Tuesdays from 5pm to 7pm, it's 13 to 17 year olds."

If you are interested in helping us fund raise ,volunteer, or join our committee, please contact Debbie – Senior Youth Worker on 07403 346 546.

Fine turnout at U3A study day

MORE than 120 people, from as far afield as Newport and west Wales, attended the recent very successful study day, organised by Porthcawl U3A and held at the Hi-Tide.

The day opened with a history of jazz, presented by jazz festival boss, Wayne Warlow, 'illustrated' by some stirring numbers from his friends.

This was followed by 'That's Entertainment', featuring dance and a playreading, to illustrate the story aspect that applies to all entertainment.

The afternoon session was about change and development at BBC Wales, with the head of English programming, Adrian Davies stimulating a wide range of questions from the audience.

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Ladies Glade give cheque awards to three charities

ON April 26, the Royal Victory Ladies Glade, Bridgend, held a presentation evening to give three local charities £150 each.

The three charities are Western Beacons Mountain SART, Marie-Grace Roberts and Cymorth 1 Cerys.

A spokeswoman said: "We meet in the Conservative Club, Aberkenfig from 7.45pm until 9pm on a Tuesday evening if anyone is interested in joining us."

The group contact details are Mrs Marjorie Thomas on 01656 659697 or Mrs Lesley Pace on 01656 865750.

Giant kick-off to Euro 2016

A GIANT good luck card, which gives people a chance to show their support for their national football team, has 'kicked-off' on a tour of Co-op food stores across Wales and is set to arrive in Pencoed.

Wales defender Neil Taylor, who has played more than 25 times for his country, will be at the Co-op's food store in Penybont Road, Pencoed, this Friday, June 3.

Locals can pop in to sign the card with messages of good-will and support ahead of the national team's first fixture in the Euro tournament.

Giles Jenkins, area manager, for the Co-op, said: "There is a great deal of excitement and anticipation building ahead of the football tournament.

"As a community retailer ,we wanted to show our support while giving people in communities all over Wales a chance to wish the national team well – C'mon Cymru!"

Wales defender, Neil Taylor, with messages of support for the Welsh football team.

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BCBC scoops award for deaf-friendly services

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has again received an excellence award from Action on Hearing Loss Cymru in recognition of the services it provides for people who are deaf or have hearing loss.

The charity, formerly known as the Royal National Institute for Deaf People, recently held its second Excellence Wales Awards in the Marriott Hotel, Cardiff.

There were 10 shortlisted organisations in the running for awards, with Western Power taking the overall winner and Bridgend County Borough Council and the National Assembly for Wales both receiving Excellence Wales 2016 awards.

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was presented with a special recognition award and RNIB Cymru took away the People's Choice Award.

BCBC has been praised for its approach leading the way being the first in Wales to be accredited with the Action on Hearing Loss 'Louder than Words' charter and also the first to be recognised by the British Deaf Association with a certificate for working towards achieving the British Sign Language charter.

Richard Williams, the director of Action on Hearing Loss Cymru, said: "The judging panel had the really difficult job of deciding the winners from an impressive shortlist, but I think they have done a fantastic job. Bridgend County Borough Council's work proves that simple changes can make the lives of deaf people more manageable.

Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet member for children's social services and equalities, Coun Hailey Townsend, said: "It's great to know that significant improvements and developments we've made in the ways in which we provide information for deaf people and those who have hearing loss is being recognised."

Tudor festival planned to mark charter

BRIDGEND Town Council is promoting the 500th anniversary of the town's first market charter by King Henry VIII in 1516.

'Bridgend 500' will take place from 10am-5pm on Saturday, September 17, when more than 20 Tudor activities will be re-created in the town centre.

King Henry VIII and one of his six wives – Catherine Parr – will be 'present' to grant the famous market charter at 12 noon and will make Royal progress around the town throughout the day to greet all local citizens and receive petitions on all manner of topics.

Organisers hoped that many local school children will dress in Tudor costumes of the time and take part in the recreations of Tudor activities typical of a market scene of the period.

Event organiser Coun David Unwin said that this would be a pageant never seen before locally. He paid tribute to John Dunkley-Williams of the Bridgend History Library who had unearthed valuable documents relating to market charters.

Although the actual Bridgend charter of 1516 remains elusive, the wording of a similar charter (in Latin) granted to Saffron Walden in Essex two years earlier does exist. Steps are being taken to obtain the translation of that charter which is likely to be similar to that granted to Bridgend.

Coun Unwin hopes that a replica of the Bridgend Charter will be produced and placed in a prominent position for all local residents to view.

He said: "A remarkable map of Bridgend town, made later in 1778, is already on view in the Wyndham Arms Hotel in Dunraven Place and can be made more available to local residents who have a love of the town's history".

ABOVE:
Mrs Christine Farrant is pictured with avid supporter, Mrs Rose Power.

Stroke Club praises the ones who care

THE Porthcawl Stroke Club has thanked Mr JE and Mrs Wendy Williams for donations to the club.

Mrs Wendy Williams.

Wendy is an active member of Sker WI, volunteers at West Park Primary school and is involved in many local charities.

Another exceptional lady who needs to be mentioned is Mrs Christine Farrant, who also supports the work of Porthcawl Stroke Club.

Christine is an avid knitter, I really don't know what she would do without knitting needles in her hands!

Christine, who Supports Age Concern and Cancer Research UK, donated a prize gift, (a meal for two at the Hi-Tide) which was raffled on behalf of the club.

On behalf of the Porthcawl Stroke Club, we sincerely thank all our supporters. Without their support, we could not lead such an active and enjoyable life.

Anyone wishing to join the Porthcawl Stroke Club, please contact Keith and Mary Duggan (01656) 773376 or Mrs Penny Owen (01656) 783989.

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The play's the thing at Llynfi Valley festival!

Photographs by Scenic Gallery.

THE Llynfi Valley Amateur Dramatic Society performed *Ghost Writer* in Maesteg Town Hall, as part of Maesteg Festival.

AM hits out at children's wait for an orthodontist

A REGIONAL AM, Suzy Davies, has obtained information that children in the Bridgend area are waiting 28 months for a first appointment with an orthodontist.

Mrs Davies, a Welsh Conservative Regional AM for South Wales West, submitted a Freedom of Information request to the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board after a constituent contacted her to complain about long delays.

Mrs Davies said: "I thought I was beyond being shocked by anything to do with healthcare delays in Wales but this figure is truly staggering. ABMu says that the current waiting time in Bridgend from referral by your dentist to actually seeing an orthodontist is two years and four months!

"As the majority of patients being referred will be children, this delay could have very serious consequences. Children's teeth can grow a lot in two years and delays in ensuring that the teeth develop in the correct way will undoubtedly result in problems for people perhaps into adulthood.

"This is totally unacceptable. The board says that waiting times are "significantly" lower in Neath Port Talbot and Swansea so dentists are being urged to refer patients to orthodontists in those areas if possible.

"They say that a review is currently underway into the reasons for the variation in waiting times.

"If we assume that the rate of referral to an orthodontist per 1,000 patients across ABMu is roughly the same in each area, then the problem in Bridgend has to be down to insufficient resources being made available.

"This should have been flagged up and dealt with a long time ago. It could be that there are problems recruiting orthodontists or maybe there was no funding available.

"But the fact remains that this review should have been carried out as soon as it became apparent that waiting times were increasing to these ridiculous lengths.

"I will be writing to ABMu chairman Andrew Davies to ask what action the board is taking to try and rectify this problem now – never mind waiting for a review.

"Also, I want to know what the waiting times are in other areas served by the board and what is the board's strategy for providing these services which are increasingly in demand.

"This situation is intolerable and urgent action is needed now before things get even worse."

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SEVEN PRIMARY SCHOOLS TAKE PART IN A PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

FOR the first time in Bridgend, the south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union organised a public speaking competition for year-5 pupils in local primary schools.

Seven primary schools competed – Maesyrhaul, Pen y Fai, St Brides', St David's Colwinston, Tondu, West Park Porthcawl and Ysgol Cynwyd Sant from Maesteg.

On May 12, 10 pupils from each school gathered at Pen-y-fai C in W Primary School for a workshop whose aim was to introduce them to the skills they would need in the competition.

The pupils were enthusiastic and confident, enjoyed the activities and all went home with a medal to commemorate the event.

Teachers then had the unenviable task of choosing a team of three to represent the school in the competition itself on the evening of May 23, again at Pen-y-fai Primary School.

Each team had a chairperson, a speaker and a questioner and topics discussed ranged from 'Watching TV is a waste of time' and 'Children under 11 should not be allowed to use social networking sites' to 'We should all be made to reduce waste and recycle things.'

The standard achieved was extremely high and the audience of parents, grandparents, teachers and pupils, appreciated the preparation and energy that the teams had put into their performances.

The three judges – Mrs Carys Brown, Mr Derek Morgan and Mrs Marjorie Page – made the following decisions:

• *Highly commended speaker – Crystal Bancroft, Tondu Primary School.*

• *Highly commended questioner – Eva Gough, St Bride's C in W Primary School.*

• *Best chairperson – Sophie Rees, Ysgol Cynwyd Sant, Maesteg.*

• *Best speaker – Trystan James, Maesyrhaul Primary School.*

• *Best questioner – Isabella Hemington-Gorse, West Park Primary School, Porthcawl.*

• *Runner-up team – Penyfai CinW Primary School.*

• *Winning team – St David's C in W Primary School, Colwinston.*

The ESU Primary Public Speaking Trophy was awarded to the team from St David's. Derek Morgan, chairperson of the branch, and Lady Susan Inkin, vice-chairperson, made the presentations along with Mrs Marjorie Page.

The ESU is most grateful to all those schools that supported this initiative and hope it will become an annual event. Particular thanks go the headteacher and staff of Pen-y-fai C in W Primary School for their warm hospitality, both at the workshop and the competition itself.

The Winners! St David's Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston.

Pen-y-Fai CW Primary School, Bridgend.

St Bride's C in W Primary School, St Bride's Major.

Maesyrhaul Primary School, Bridgend.

Tondu Primary School, Bridgend.

Welsh in the bag!

WELSH in the Bag! on June 13, 9.30am-10.30am at Porthcawl YMCA.

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Maesteg make-over in time for summer!

NEW benches, bins and signage are part of a spruce-up for Maesteg town centre.

Starting this week, pavements on Commercial Street and Talbot Street will be deep cleaned, while the market gates will be painted and its stonework cleaned.

The work is being carried out by Bridgend County Borough Council using funding from Maesteg Town Council and the Maesteg town centre partnership, which is funded by Welsh Government.

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Litchard pupils demonstrate impressive pedal power ...

Litchard Primary School pupils on their bikes!

MORE than half a million children across the UK made an extra special effort to travel to school by scooters or bike earlier this month to take part in the Big Pedal 2016, and pupils from Litchard Primary School in Bridgend clocked up the most journeys on two wheels in Wales.

The Big Pedal ran for a fortnight, and during a competitive five-day challenge 82 per cent of the journeys made by Litchard pupils were by a bike or scooter, with parents encouraged to leave their cars at home for the school run.

Litchard Primary made a total of 2,970 self-propelled journeys over the entire fortnight – more than double those made at Porthcawl Primary School, which was the next best in the borough.

Litchard came out top in Wales and 20th in the UK, while Porthcawl Primary was eighth in Wales and 64th in the UK.

In addition to co-ordinating the Big Pedal, Sustrans works with more than 120 schools in Wales to give children the skills and information necessary to travel to school on foot, by bike or by scooter. Bicycle training, route planning and basic bike maintenance are all parts of the Active Journeys project, funded by Welsh Government, which is helping to treble the levels of regular cycling to school.

To find out more about the Big Pedal, visit www.bigpedal.org.uk.

TONDU TRUMPS COMPETITION IN SCHOOLS QUIZ

PUPILS from Tondu Primary saw off stiff competition from seven other teams in the recent Junior Schools Quiz, run by the Rotary Club of Bridgend.

Held at Litchard Primary School – last year's winner – each school had four team members from years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The youngsters answered a broad range of questions from the quiz master, Rotarian Gillian Hale, testing their knowledge of geography, history, maths, spelling, literature and many other subjects. This evening was well supported by teachers and families of the team members and all of the pupils taking part in the quiz received a certificate from the president of Bridgend Rotary, Alan Reeks. The winning team received a gift token sponsored by Apollo Teaching Services Ltd.

Flower power creates a buzz at Nottage Primary School

CHILDREN from Nottage Primary School rolled up their sleeves and gave pollinators – bees, butterflies and other insects – a helping hand as part of National Buzz, a campaign run by Keep Wales Tidy.

The Natural Buzz campaign is to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, as well as to help communities create new habitats and food sources for pollinators by planting wildflower havens in unused spaces.

Nottage Primary received £100 from the scheme, which it used to buy bee-attracting plants and peat-free compost to create a buzzing natural garden at the school.

Parents, staff and members of the weekly gardening club transformed an overgrown, disused corner of the school yard into a colourful haven for wildlife with the grant.

Megan and James, two avid gardeners in year-3 said: "We were thrilled when we found out that we'd been given £100 of vouchers to buy new plants for the bees! Natural Buzz has helped us to make a huge change to the garden in our school and it will give the bees what they need to live happily.

"We really wanted to make our local environment better for wildlife and the Natural Buzz has really helped us."

Pensioners to descend on Porthcawl!

PORTHCAWL's Grand Pavilion will be the destination for hundreds of Welsh pensioners on Wednesday, June 8 as they head for the Active Wales conference and rally.

Guest speakers for the morning's conference are Baroness Gale and Sarah Rochira, the Older People's Commissioner for Wales.

Members of the public are welcome to come along for the rally in the afternoon, which starts at 2.30pm and runs until 5pm.

Entry to the rally is £2.50 and includes a raffle prize draw, and entertainment will include Rubicon Dance, Black Gold and a community sing-along.

John Davies, chair of Active Wales said: "Active Wales – the new name for the National Old Age Pensioners' Association of Wales – is the oldest and largest wholly pensioners' organisation in Wales.

"Every year we hold our annual conference and rally in Porthcawl which draws around 300 of our members from across Wales."

For more information, contact John Davies on 01685 812130. Visit www.activewales.org.uk for further details about Active Wales.

Rotary donate £11,000 to local charities

THE Rotary Club of Bridgend has made contributions of £11,000 to 22 local charities so far this year.

Rotarians expect the popular family Bikerfun – due to take place on Sunday, June 26, starting at the Brewery Field, will increase this figure.

Charity officer David Hubbard said: "Over the last three years, £30,000 had been raised for distribution to local charities, and a further £4,300 had been paid to Rotary Internationals own charity, the Rotary Foundation.

"In conjunction with Bill Gates, the Rotary Foundation has been responsible for almost completely eradicating polio with the worldwide immunisation scheme.

"Only a handful of cases have been reported in four countries last year and the battle continues to reduce that to nil over the next few years."

Mr Hubbard paid tribute to the hardworking Rotarians who had raised this money for good causes .He also also wished to thank the people of Bridgend who so willingly support the club's charity collections and fundraising events.

Fundraisers sought for Cancer Research UK

THE Porthcawl branch of Cancer Research UK is recruiting volunteers for its committee and all are welcome to join, and give ideas and help.

The organisation meets at All Saints' Church Hall on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm. For more information telephone Diane Jones on 01656 784762 or Sue Sharp on 01656 773670.

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Jutland battle and death of Lord Kitchener concentrated minds

PORTHCAWL JUNE 1916

The Welcome To Town, with Hope Chapel in the background.

"Is there a war on? **The streets of Porthcawl on Whit-Monday did not give the impression that such was the case."** *(Porthcawl News, June 16 1916).*

On June 12, trains arriving at the new station were packed, hotels and boarding houses were full and 'large numbers came by car, horse conveyances and cycles.'

Such was the appeal of Porthcawl for Whitsun visitors that Baronet Sir WJ Tatem, a Cardiff ship-owner, arrived stating that he intended to remain for several weeks, as 'he was a great believer in Porthcawl and its splendid golf course.'

Aside from the fact that there definitely was a war on, this holidaying in Porthcawl was in fact very odd, as the Government had on May 31, proclaimed that the Whit-Monday bank holiday was to be postponed until Tuesday, August 8.

Perhaps, as there had been little heard from the front; and news that Britain had curtailed the German fleet at Jutland, may have instilled in people a sense of impending victory and an end to the conflict. Or maybe the death of Lord Kitchener, Minister of War, evoked the opposite and made people nervous, and yearn for times past.

Lord Herbert Kitchener was on his way to Russia when, on June 5, *HMS Hampshire* struck a German mine and sank west of the Orkney Islands, Scotland. He was one of 600 people who drowned that day.

Apart from the news of Jutland and Lord Kitchener, June was mainly a quiet month. Articles in local newspapers related largely to local issues.

For instance, on June 3 Lewis Jenkins, licensee of The General Picton, was the first case to be brought before the Bridgend magistrates for infringing the new licensing laws relating to Sunday drinking.

During the hearing it transpired that it was in fact Mrs Margaret Jenkins, Lewis' wife, who had taken pity on a gentleman from Maesteg who had asked for a drink with his Sunday lunch. Lewis had not been on the premises at the time.

Interestingly, had the gentleman not been observed to be in a drunken state some hours later, the case may not have been heard. However an example had to be made. Consequently, the magistrate accepted that Lewis Jenkins was not to blame, otherwise he would have lost his license; but he fined Mrs Jenkins £3.

It also appears that there were a number of stories of visitors the worse for drink that Whitsun Monday who, forgetting that the railway station had moved, were seen making haste to catch the last train home from the old station at the top of Station Hill. There is evidence that quite a few ended up passing the night in a cell at the police station, John Street (Porthcawl Museum and Art Gallery, today).

On June 3, a company of the Grand Lodge and Freemasonry officers assembled to consecrate the Venables Llewelyn Lodge at New Road, Porthcawl. Among the officers installed that day was Frederick Vaughan Cleves, 39 Fenton Place, as treasurer. His son, Reginald Vaughan Cleves, Lieutenant Royal Naval Voluntary Reserve, Hood Battalion was initiated at the first meeting on July 1. Sadly, he did not live to further his career in the Freemasons as he was killed on April 23, 1917, aged 21.

Captain William Leslie Morgan, the son of member Leonard Oscar Morgan, was to serve with the 2nd Battalion Welsh Regiment at Mametz Wood a month later. He survived, whereas 2nd Lieutenant Reginald Nicholls, same battalion and son of member Frederick Nicholls of the Pier Hotel, was to be killed by shellfire on July 18, 1916 aged 31yrs.

As previously mentioned, the horrors of the Somme were yet to intrude into Porthcawl lives. Conversely, townsfolk were more concerned that Hope Welsh Congregational Chapel was to be converted into an English Congregational Chapel, when there already existed an English Congregational Chapel on New Road. The basis of such concern was fuelled by the fact that Gilgal Welsh Baptist Chapel and Bethel Calvinist Chapel, years before, had suffered the same fate. Apparently, it was the result of influence brought to bear in certain quarters to accommodate the growing number of visitors and tourists to the town.

Following the establishment of The British Board of Film Censors (BBFC) in 1913, in June of 1916 Glamorgan County Council was beginning to consider the introduction of film censorship. The BBFC had no legal powers to censor films but advised local authorities that 'No film should be passed that was not clean and wholesome and absolutely above suspicion.' Films were given either 'U' (for universal exhibition) or 'A' (more suitable for adults) certificates.

Also this month, the Porthcawl Council was appealing to the Welsh Regiment garrisons at Cardiff and Chester for soldiers to be sent to the Porthcawl during the summer months. This again was evidence that it appeared to most residents that little was happening on the war front.

Toward the end of the month, Major John L Lambert, Army Service Corps and past chairman of the Porthcawl Council, was home on leave for a few days 'looking remarkably well' (Porthcawl News 30th June 1916). He returned to the front on June 27, never again to see his home at 8, Newton Villas, Porthcawl as he died of peritonitis at a base hospital in Amiens, on October 20.

One mother, who constantly appealed to the military authorities for news of her son, was Mrs Chambers of 5, Railway Terrace. (Hillsboro Place today.) On June 12 she finally heard from the authorities: 'As there had been no news of your son, Private Charles Chambers 1st Battalion, Dorset Regiment, since the Battle of Mons, October 22, 1914 the Army Council are regretfully constrained to conclude that he is dead.' (Porthcawl News 16th June 1916.)

Finally, as the comparatively quiet month came to a close, on the Western Front on June 24, 1,500 British guns began firing two million shells onto the German lines, near the Somme river. The Battle of the Somme was originally meant to be a French-led offensive with the British in support and was, also, initially planned for August 1916. However, the German attack on Verdun in February necessitated an early Allied diversionary attack away from Verdun, to relieve the pressure on the French army. Thus began the Battle of the Somme. For the next four months, the Western Front would be anything but quiet.

CERI JOSEPH

• *As a result of readers' and The GEM's support, I have collated the first 22 articles into a booklet, plus photographs. 'Porthcawl A Garrison Town Part 1 – July 1914 – April 1916', is now available from Porthcawl Museum, price £10.*

All proceeds will go to the Porthcawl Museum.

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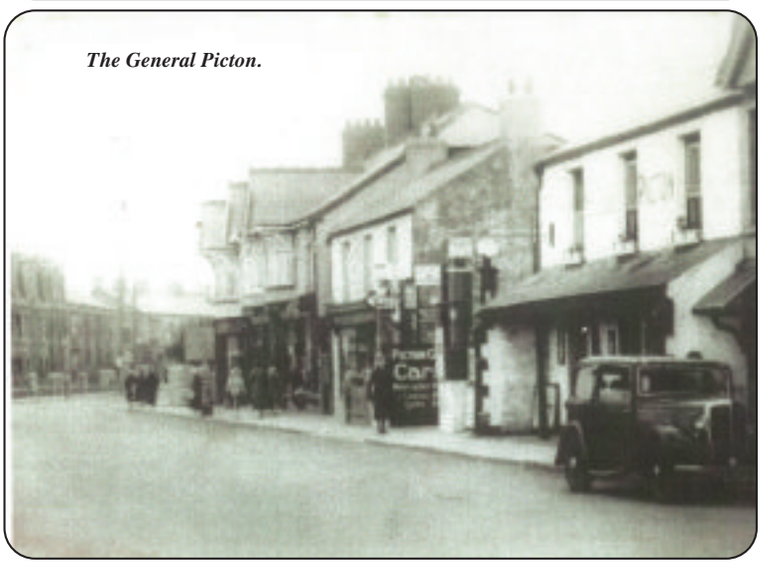
Leonard Oscar Morgan, seated, with his family. (Leslie Morgan is far left).

The Pier Hotel.



The General Picton.

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NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

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Bridgend Samaritans

THE management committee at Bryncethin Memorial Hall is organising a concert to raise funds for the above charity, on Friday, June 17 at 7pm. Tickets £2 can be obtained from Felicity or Hazel on 01656 720808 / 722825.

Art show

TONDU & District Art Society has been invited to exhibit at Cardiff Bay from June 20 to 26 at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig CF32 9RF; prior to this from June 11 – 14 at 10am to 6pm daily (Sunday 11am to 4pm).

It is anticipated that there will be approximately 150 paintings on display and there is also a competition between members. Entry is free and there are refreshments available.

Free courses

THESE are open to all residents who live in a Communities First residential area, proof is required. To book places telephone the numbers below. A free lunch is provided on all day courses.

Fire safety awareness course (Level 2); learn fire safety principles in the workplace and what to do in an emergency and the measures that should be taken to control risk of fires. At TRA House, Pentre Beili Terrace, Lewistown, Bridgend, CF32 7LP on Monday June 6 from 10am to 3pm, also at Evanstown Community Centre on Friday, June 10 from 9.30am to 3pm.

Emergency first aid course; give safe, prompt and effective first aid in emergency situations. At Betws Life Centre on Wednesday, June 8 from 9.15am to 3pm.

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Accredited stress management course for individuals who are feeling stressed out; you will be taught self-help techniques to cope better, and where you will be able to get assistance to manage the stress levels. At Betws Social Club on Wednesday, June 8, 15 and 29 from 9.30am to 12.30pm. For more information telephone Fay on 01656 815136.

Wildlife Trust

THE Welsh Wildlife Trust is looking for volunteers at Parc Slip Nature Reserve, Tondu for hands-on conservation work; meet in the visitor centre at 10am on Friday, June 3.

They are required to control the spread of Himalayan balsam, which is an invasive non-native species that shades out native wildflowers and erodes riverbanks, as well as causing other problems for UK wildlife.

You may have to work in areas of the nature reserve where there is thick vegetation. It is recommended that you wear trousers and long sleeves to protect your skin, weather appropriate clothing, sturdy waterproof shoes/wellies, and bring some drinking water; also gloves if you have any.

Visitors are welcome to join a walk to survey butterfly species in the reserve on Tuesday, June 7; no prior knowledge is required.

Meet at the visitor centre at 2pm, a pair of binoculars would be useful to spot butterflies further away.

This event will only take place weather permitting, so please contact Lorna on 01656 724100 if you would like to take part. It is recommended that a donation of £2 would be appropriate to help with the conservation work at the reserve.

Maesteg Town Hall

IN 1881, miners of the Llynfi Valley agreed to levy a day's wages toward the cost of building Maesteg Town Hall. Since then the hall has played a part in the cultural life of the people of the Llynfi Valley.

On Friday, June 17 the Maesteg Children's Choir will perform their 30th annual concert at Maesteg Town Hall. This celebration concert is part of the Maesteg Festival and tickets are now on sale at £7 each.

The concert starts at 7pm when both past and present members will once again perform together to celebrate 30 years of making music.

Hospital fete

THE supporters of Maesteg Hospital are organising its 54th annual fete to take place in Maesteg market square on Saturday, June 18 from 9.30am to 4pm; there will be a number of events taking place to entertain all age groups.

Choir tour

THE oldest established choir in the Bridgend area, Maesteg Gleemen, is going on tour to perform at the Mussleborough Festival in Carlisle. The trip is for five days leaving Bridgend on July 25.

For more information, telephone John Wines on 07816145385.

Festival of Food and Drink proves a great get-together

Photographs by MIKE WILCOCK

COWBRIDGE Festival of Food and Drink was blessed with two glorious days of sunshine – and it proved an ideal event for friends to meet up, sample an exotic range of food and drinks, and catch up on all the latest news.

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Top marks for Stagecoach in drama exams

Harry Williams, Bridgend, pictured with his brother Thomas (8) and fellow student Emillie (10).

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The students, aged from six to 16, entered the globally-recognised exams in 'Speaking of Verse and Prose' or 'Acting', and once again the school maintains its 100 per cent pass rate.

Six-year-old Harry Williams was the youngest student to take an exam, and passed the 'Introductory Stage 2' level with Distinction.

Sixteen-year-olds Llewelyn Brown and Oliver Bartlett both took the highest level Grade 8 'Solo Acting' exam. They have every reason to be celebrating as they both passed this gold medal grade with the highest mark of Distinction.

Llewelyn Brown lives in Wick and has been a student at Stagecoach Bridgend for 13 years. Oliver Bartlett lives in Barry and has been a student for 10 years.

Stagecoach principal Helene Reynolds commented: "We are delighted by our outstanding results, which reflect and reward the hard work, enthusiasm and talent of our students and tutors.

"The early grades are excellent confidence-builders and develop an ability to communicate through clear, expressive and natural speaking. The higher medal grades have the added benefit of giving students valuable UCAS points towards their university choice."

Congratulations to all the students on their success. For more information on Stagecoach schools in Bridgend, The Vale and Cardiff, call 01446 772727. **HR**

AMELIA TRUST GET A TICKET TO RIDE!

WE would like to say a massive thank you to Wickes Bridgend (manager Ross and his team) who have come up trumps for us yet again.

They kindly donated all the timber we needed to completely renovate a trailer that goes on the back of our tractor to give rides to the public. We raise money through rides at our family days and without this donation, we would not have been able to use it for our spring fayre on June 1.

They also donated a huge amount of paint last year for us, so we feel they deserve huge thanks.

Bev Nealon, Amelia Trust Farm.

Staff take part in Give & Gain Day

Council staff taking part in 'Give & Gain' Day at Ty Iolo Hostel.

ON Friday, May 20, employees from the Vale Council took part in Business in the Community's 'Give & Gain Day' in support of local causes.

Each year, Business in the Community and its members come together for Give & Gain Day to help create a better society. Give & Gain Day encourages volunteers to lend a helping hand to community organisations, social enterprises and schools.

In the Vale, council employees were involved in a range of activities. At Barry Community Garden, council employees built a fence, laid a new path to the shed and painted a potting shed and a fence surrounding a pond.

They also dug over the beds and vegetable plots, and carried out weeding while at Ty Iolo Hostel, shared areas received a fresh coat of paint.

The teams worked extremely hard and were very proud of the volume of work they achieved.

CELEBRATING THE LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

THE Cardiff and Vale University Health Board is appealing for members of the public to support Volunteers' Week, by joining its 600 volunteers who give their time, energy and expertise helping to care for people and keep people well.

"Over 21 million people volunteer in the UK at least once a year, which contributes an estimated £23.9bn to the economy," a spokesperson said.

"These volunteers are a shining example of how everyone can make a big difference to individuals and communities every day, from improving the environment we live in, and spending time with those who may otherwise be lonely, to contributing to a range of other essential services and support."

The 600 volunteers have been invited to a special 'thank you' event this Friday, June 3, at the University Hospital of Wales.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help the charity could contact Michelle Fowler, volunteer service manager on 02921 847867.

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There's nothing to see in this Looking Glass...

by GARETH JAMIESON
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IF you were to look at all the films that have broken through the billion dollar barrier, one of the more surprising entries would be Tim Burton's *Alice In Wonderland*.

The average-at-best film was a gigantic hit, at least with audiences, and as is par for the course these days where successful films are concerned, a further outing for Alice and company was on the cards as soon as the box office receipts were in.

Alice Through The Looking Glass (directed by James Bobin, replacing Burton) sees a now-adult Alice (Mia Wasikowska) return to Underland, only to discover that things are going very wrong. The Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp) is sure his family survived the attack by the Jabberwocky, and his belief is slowly killing him.

Alice turns to Time (Sacha Baron Cohen) in order to find out what happened to the Hatter's family and if they are still alive, but despite being there is no chance, Alice embarks on a trip through time in order to save her beloved friend...

A sequel to a weak first film is in a strong position. After all, another poor film can be excused on the basis that it wasn't following anything special, while should it equal or supersede the original, then everyone's happy (including, for their sake, the money men at Disney).

Alice Through The Looking Glass, then, is on a hiding to nothing, but ultimately fails to be anything other than a pedestrian sequel to an average film.

With Tim Burton out of the director's chair and James Bobin (director of the successful Muppets reboot a few years ago) parachuted in, the film certainly doesn't lack in strong visuals, Bobin retaining Burton's kooky feel while giving the film an identity of its own.

Much like the first film, the look is the most enjoyable thing here, with the weird and wonderful denizens of Underland given a wonderful look that at times makes you overlook what is a convoluted and needlessly messy plot.

The time travel trope feels like little more than an excuse to revisit the characters at a younger age, and while there's some fun to be had in this, it finds itself slowly tangling itself up and making the story cluttered and fussy where it should be streamlined and flow easily.

Beneath this overly-complicated plot is a story that really has nothing to it – it's your basic quest film that has very little else to offer in terms of depth. There are little moments here and there (Alice's single-mindedness and desire to not conform to what society expects of her, the fractured relationship between the Hatter and his father) but nothing that stands out from the by-the-numbers narrative.

The performances are decent throughout, with Mia Wasikowska again shining brightest as the titular heroine. Older and more seasoned this time around, she offers the best performance, flitting between wide-eyed wonder and steely resolve effortlessly and at least rooting the film with a believable and likeable lead.

Johnny Depp's rather quite harrowing Hatter doesn't quite land like the actor wants, feeling less like a performance and more like a routine of peculiar tics and traits that don't quite gel.

There is some meat on the bones of his character within the plot, but Depp's love of playing up rather than down means he doesn't really connect.

While Helena Bonham Carter takes relish in her role as the Queen of Hearts, franchise newcomer Sacha Baron Cohen is good fun as time; with a German accent and a crush on the aforementioned queen.

Time is a fun and quietly enjoyable role for Baron Cohen who brings his usual zaniness to the character.

There are elements in this film that are pretty enjoyable, but there's nothing of any real substance, nothing that connects or makes you gape in wonder at what you see in front of you – *Alice Through The Looking Glass* is a pretty film to look at, but there's nothing underneath to really hold your attention.

VERDICT: Following from the underwhelming *Alice In Wonderland*, *Alice Through The Looking Glass* is neither a marked improvement nor a massive failure. Instead it's an overly-complicated film that has some pleasing elements but nothing to make it truly stand out from the crowd. *Poor*.

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TENOVUS Cancer Care, Wales' leading cancer charity, is encouraging members of the public who have been helped by volunteers from the organisation to nominate them for an award to celebrate their work.

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If there's a volunteer you admire for their commitment and dedication to Tenovus Cancer Care, you can nominate them for a Volunteer Award by visiting www.tenovuscancercare.org.uk or visiting your nearest Tenovus Cancer Care shop.

Katie Taylor, volunteer development manager at Tenovus Cancer Care, said; "These awards celebrate the amazing work being done day in, day out, by our volunteers across the country.

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Local businessman takes on five triathlons to help Cancer Research Wales

RIGHT: Derek Roberts with the Cancer Research Wales fundraising team.

A LOCAL former Serviceman recently completed a triathlon to raise money for Cancer Reseach wales – and has four more to go!

Derek Roberts now runs the Spektar private investiagetion company, but previously served for 22 years in the Welsh Guards.

He told The GEM: "I believe that after the generosity shown by the people of the Vale and Wales to our injured soldiers, it was time for me to help the people of Wales by committing to competing in the Cardiff Triathlon for Cancer Research Wales.

"Cancer will effect all of us one way or the other and the charity continuously needs our support to allow them to work towards finding a cure for this cruel disease.

"Since I registered for the race in Cardiff, which is on June 26, I have completed one triathlon in Llanelli (May 15) and signed up for another three, in Mumbles (June 18), Pencoed (July 3) and the Snowdon Triathlon (July 30).

"The events itself are a fantastic way of promoting the charity and also helps me in keeping fit and healthy, although I didn't feel like that the morning after the Llanelli race!"

Derek has a just giving page, with a target of collecting £800 for Cancer research Wales. If any readers would like to donate, visit http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Spektarsurveillance or by Just text Giving - Text SPDR71 with the amount you would like to donate to 70070.

For those who have lost a child

GEM reader KIM COOMBS from Barry, who sadly lost a child herself, has written this heartwarming poem in the hope it will help others in the same situation:

For those of us who've lost a child,
Mere words cannot express
The grief we feel, the empty void,
The hollow emptiness.
A part of us is missing
No words can explain
How will we ever cope
With the never ending pain?

It doesn't matter how they are taken
Whether accident, or foul play,
Perhaps it was an illness
Or decided to take their own way.
No matter what the reason
The loss we feel is just the same,
Will it ever end
This all consuming aching pain.

Why oh why, and ifs and buts
Thoughts spin in our head,
A never ending stream of questions
With no answers to be said.
We should have been there
We could have done something,
We should have talked more
We should have listened.

Don't cry for what is lost,
But smile for what was had;
Memories will help you thru
And for those you will be glad.
It will take time
And tears will flow,
But you will find
The right way to go.

In our darkest hours
And in deep despair,
We will find the strength
To speak of the loss we bear.
This will help the process
To heal our broken heart,
To think of our child
Without falling apart.

Hold on tight to those who love you
Keep them by your side;
You will need their support and comfort
On this emotional roller coaster ride.
We have to claw the long haul back
Finding strength in our pain,
Navigate the whirlpools of our mind
And find a way to live again.

Entries sought for business awards

APPLICATIONS for this year's South Wales Business Awards, organised by WS Marketing, are now being accepted.

The awards launched in 2008, champion the best in south Wales business. Last year's awards were attended by over 170 business leaders.

The 2016 awards will once again presented by one of Welsh television and radio's most popular presenters – Sara Edwards, at the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge on Friday, September 9.

The categories for this year's applications are:

- Young Entrepreneur of the year.
- Best New Start-up.
- Retail Business of the year.
- Tourism & Hospitality Business of the year.
- Female Entrepreneur of the year.
- Business Services business of the year.
- Technological & innovative business of the year.
- Contribution to South Wales Business (honorary award).
- South Wales Business of the year (drawn from winners of each category)

The founder of the South Wales Business Awards, Wesley Skene, said: "It is with great pride that we are once again bringing the South Wales Business Awards to the Welsh business community. Each year, Welsh businesses and their staff achieve some truly outstanding things, and its imperative that we recognise and encourage this."

The closing date for applications is Friday, July 22, with nominations announced on Wednesday, July 27. Full details of the awards and a downloadable application pack can be found at www.southwalesbusinessawards.co.uk

Ty Hafan lottery

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D933.

- **£2,000:** 650785.
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Rhos Geler and Y Bwythyn are located at Corntown, Bridgend, CF35 5BB, opening information: Sunday, June 12 (from 11am to 4pm), combined admission £3.50, children free. Home made teas available.

Bordervale Plants in Cowbridge opens its doors on the NGS on selected Tuesdays from now until September.

It has a variety of landscapes, including woodland and a bog garden, mixed borders and a wildlife meadow.

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On Saturday, June 4 at 10am, 'Cliffs and Dunes' Ogmore seven-mile walk, starting at the Fox and Hounds car park, St Brides Major.

Mayor's coffee morning

THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian Council, Coun Elizabeth George, is inviting local residents to join her for coffee/tea and cakes in the Mayor's Parlour, Cowbridge Town Hall, on Saturday, June 4 from 10.30am-12.30pm.

The event is in aid of her chosen charity, the Forget Me Not Chorus, which supports people with dementia and their families through the joy of song.

All are welcome.

Enfys craft fair

THE next Enfys craft fair will take place on Saturday (June 4) at St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry from 10am – 4pm; admission free.

Last month's charity raffle raised £60 for Wales Air Ambulance; this month's charity is Guide Dogs for the Blind.

For more information, call Reg on 01446 792149, or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Councillors' surgery

INDEPENDENT Councillors Richard and Robert Bertin will be holding one of their regular advice surgeries on Saturday, June 4 at the Barry Library.

Residents are welcome to attend between 2pm and 3pm in the Community Rooms on the first floor.

No appointments are necessary. For further information contact Richard on 01446 736227.

Drumming workshop

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The café is held between 2pm and 4pm at the Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and Vale on the first and last Tuesday of every month. The June 7 café will see experts offering specialist advice to those who attend.

Among those due to attend are Gillian Lloyd from Lucas Law with advice about powers of attorney and wills, and Erin O'Neill offering help on benefits and finances.

Also present will be Anne Griffiths from Cardiff and the Vale Community Health Council, and Marie Curie nursing staff Sam Clements and Jan Palmer.

Sarah Johnson, who runs the cafés, said: "The Carers' Week café offers a one-stop shop for carers to access a variety of information all in one place. The café is a friendly, relaxed environment where you can come along and discuss your caring issues. If you can find the time we'd love for you to join us!"

The carers' café is part of the Marie Curie Caring for Carers project, funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

For more information about the carers' café, please contact Sarah Johnson on 02920 426000 or email sarah.johnson@mariecurie.org.uk.

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Make tracks to the Penarth toy and train sale

A COLLECTOR'S paradise reaches Penarth again shortly when a toy and train sale arrives at Penarth Leisure Centre at Cogan, between 10.30am and 3pm on Saturday, July 9.

This will be the third such event here this year. A further event is booked for Saturday, October 8 in the town and plans are already in hand for 2017.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "We now offer more than 120 tables at the show, and these are operated by more than 50 traders from all over the UK.

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A TOTAL of 6.5 million people in the UK care, unpaid, for a disabled, older or ill family member or friend. While caring can be rewarding, without the right support it can also take a serious toll on a carer's health, relationships and finances.

That's why, this Carers' Week (June 6 – 12), we are asking individuals and communities up and down the UK to do what they can to make life that little bit easier for carers. Whoever you are, whatever you do, you can make a difference.

This year, we want to highlight the importance of Carer Friendly Communities – places where local people and services understand what it's like to be a carer and do what they can to make life a little bit easier for carers.

As such, we're asking people to visit the Carers' Week website to recommend organisations, services and employers who are carer-friendly, and to invite other organisations to use our checklist to commit to becoming carer-friendly.

Carers' Week is brought to life by the people and organisations who pledge their support, run events and activities, share information, and get the conversation about caring going on social media.

Visit the Carers' Week website to show your support, and to find out what events are happening in your area and all the ways you can take part: *www.carersweek.org*

Carers' Week is made possible by Carers UK joining forces with Age UK, Carers Trust, Independent Age, Macmillan Cancer Support, Motor Neurone Disease Association and MS Society.

Carers are the mainstay of our communities.

Let's make the most of Carers' Week to show carers just how much we recognise and value the vital contribution they make to our families, communities and wider society.

Emily Holzhausen,
(Carers' Week is from June 6 to June 12).

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Carers are people who provide or intend to provide care for an adult or a disabled child, whether or not the person cared for is receiving any social care services. The care they provide is unpaid.

People become carers under many different circumstances. For example you may be caring for someone born with a disability or who has had an accident that left them disabled; they may have an illness or disease. Their problems may be physical or mental. They might need help because they are getting older and frail.

If this sounds like your situation then you be

Monday 6th June, 11am
Parents Federation Carers Week Special
Meet for coffee at Gwalia Tea Rooms at the St Fagan's National History Museum, Cardiff. Open to Vale and Cardiff carers. (please ring 02920 565917 or email hasina@parentsfed.org for carers to confirm attendance)

Wednesday 8th June, 9.30-11.30am
Information Stand at Western Vale Family Practice. Vale's Carers Development Officer will be available in Reception area to provide carers' information.

Wednesday 8th June, 9am-12pm
Information Stand at the Information Centre at Llandough Hospital (with Bipolar UK)

Thursday 9th June, 10am- 12pm
Information Stand at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road Barry.

Thursday 9th June, 1.30pm–4pm
Information Stand at the Information Centre, Llandough Hospital – (including Marie Curie Carers Café at 1.30pm)

Friday 10th June, 10am-2pm
Drop-in session on manual handling equipment at Business Service Centre, Hood Road, Barry, CF62 5QN. Hosted by Elspeth Cameron (Vale's manual handling co-ordinator). Mobility equipment and living adaptations/aids will be on display.

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WORLD Glaucoma Week (June 6-12) is organised by the World Glaucoma Association and World Glaucoma Patient Association.

Both the WGA and WGPA were created to minimise visual disability from glaucoma, and to improve the lives of glaucoma patients around the world.

The WGA works to optimise the quality of glaucoma science and care through communication and cooperation among national and regional glaucoma societies, with companies involved with glaucoma, glaucoma patient organisations and others in the glaucoma community.

The WGPA works globally to encourage the establishment of and cooperation among national glaucoma patient associations.

The group serves as an umbrella organisation to provide useful information to individuals, health care providers and support groups that are devoted to the fight against glaucoma.

For full details of previous activity, see the World Glaucoma Week Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/WGWeek/info?ref=page_internal.

'Early diagnosis is key' SAYS JONES & JONES

CHRONIC glaucoma affects two per cent of the population over the age of 40, increasing to over 10 per cent for those aged 75 or more.

There are about 500,000 people in Wales and England with glaucoma, and about 70 million worldwide, making it one of the leading causes of blindness.

Unfortunately, there are no symptoms until extensive irreversible damage to the optic nerve has occurred, resulting in unrecoverable vision loss, and it is estimated that up to 50 per cent of people with glaucoma are undiagnosed.

Frustratingly, needless blindness from glaucoma can be easily averted as it can often be treated with simple eye drops. The key to successful treatment is early diagnosis. To increase your chance of being diagnosed early, you should have a sight test at least every two years – or more frequently if you have a first degree relative with glaucoma.

There are three basic tests used to screen for glaucoma, and for some patients it may be available on the NHS; for others, there will be a charge.

Even then, a basic sight test can often only detect glaucoma when substantial nerve damage has already occurred.

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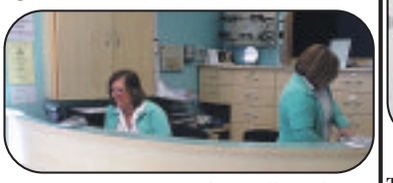

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Welsh team triumphs at the British Medical Journal Awards 2016

Dr Orhan Uzun with his award.

THE Welsh Fetal Cardiovascular Network was crowned 'Cardiology Team of the Year' at The British Medical Journal (BMJ) Awards 2016 for improving detection of heart defects in unborn babies.

The BMJ Awards are the UK's premier medical awards programme, recognising and celebrating the inspirational work done by doctors and their teams.

This year's awards attracted more than 300 entries across 15 categories. The ceremony took place at the Westminster Park Plaza Hotel in London.

Dr Orhan Uzun was appointed consultant paediatric cardiologist at the University Hospital of Wales in 2001 and he soon realised that the antenatal detection of congenital heart defects was poor.

Dr Uzun said: "There was a lot of enthusiasm, but no leadership and no equity of access.

"People from different parts of the country were not getting the same quality of service. And I wasn't happy that some people had to travel for two hours to see me – two hours there, two hours back, it just wasn't fair."

He set out plans for a nationwide improvement through a network of centres, a complete team approach, and better training for the ultrasonographers.

"The training significantly increased confidence in techniques and diagnostic skills aided by local meetings and collaborative working," said Mrs Nerys Thomas, superintendent sonographer at UHW.

Dr Uzun visited every centre regularly, sitting behind sonographers as they worked to show them how to manipulate the probe to get the best view of the fetal heart. Regular audits were held to measure progress.

Dr Uzun said: "Before 2008, we were losing 10 per cent of the babies born with transposition of the great arteries, which was not acceptable. Since 2008 we haven't lost a single baby."

By 2010 Antenatal Screening Wales was able to introduce a new screening technique, the outflow tract view – the first of the UK nations to do so.

Detection rates of the principal heart abnormalities have increased dramatically, and Wales, once the laggard, has become the leader but Dr Uzun, however, is not resting on his laurels, arguing that there is still more to be done.

Dr Uzun explained: "As a team we, the Welsh Fetal Cardiovascular Network, has always had great enthusiasm to improve standards of care in pregnant women and in their unborn babies.

"We have been passionate about improving the quality of Fetal Cardiology Service that we have been providing. We all strive to make a difference in the lives of our future generations and their parents."

Nothing cosy about National Theatre Wales' choir drama

Gaynor Morgan Rees and Dafydd Hywel
Photo by Farrows Creative/National Theatre Wales.

Melanie Walters and Martin Masquez.
Photo by Farrows Creative/National Theatre Wales.

Review by PHILIP IRWIN

NATIONAL Theatre Wales' latest production is '*Before I Leave*', and it comes with a real buzz - inevitably linked to the renewed interest in choirs, courtesy of leaders such as Gareth Malone and Tim Rhys-Evans.

Written by Patrick Jones and directed by it tells the story of a choir made up of dementia and Alzheimer's patients, and their carers. Jones had the idea after spending time with one such choir, the Cwm Taf, which meets once a week in Merthyr Tydfil Rugby Club.

Patrick Jones' experience there prompted the following quote, which sets the bar rather high. He said: "I set out to write something which was really uplifting about the human spirit but that also showed the darker side."

Well, he didn't shy away from the darker side.

This production is a world away from those choir reality shows that are so popular. There is no story arc that shows them dealing with setbacks and then finishing with a grand triumph.

The storyline has the message that dementia is cruel, that every family member is affected, and that it will, inevitably, get worse.

There is an uplifting climax, but that is more to do with the survival of the human spirit, rather than winning a choral contest. There's plenty of comedy - mostly black - and 'Before I Leave' shares some themes with 'Pride' but it is a world away in terms of mood.

The music sets that mood. Scene changes are accompanied by recorded music, and it's angry, edgy songs that we hear. The Jam's 'Going Underground', the Sex Pistols, The Manic Street Preachers (who also wrote the title song for the show).

That song is sung by the onstage choir, and during the show we hear snippets, until it all comes together for the finale.

Patrick Jones is, of course, the brother of Nicky Wire, and the Manics have done more than knock off a quick tune. In many ways, their contribution brings so many themes together, and it's a great piece of music.

The songs sung by the choir are well chosen. Again, don't go expecting Welsh choral favourites. The songs are mostly modern, with 'You'll Never Walk Alone' probably the oldest. That song provides a tear-jerking moment. Calon Lan does make an appearance, but it's not sung by the choir.

Sometimes, songs can signpost a plot development, or emphasise a point the writer is making, but in this show they capture a mood. I loved the way the Queen/David Bowie hit 'Under Pressure' was used when the choir rebel against their conductor, with lyrics suddenly acquiring a meaning that they did not have in the original.

It seems a shame to leave the cast so late in the review, as there were some terrific performances. Dafydd Hywel has the showiest part as Rocky. He's a former miner, has the best singing voice and the funniest lines.

For much of the show he's at war with Evan, a former policeman, played powerfully by Desmond Barrit. They faced each other on the picket lines during the miners' strike, and it is only as Evan's condition deteriorates that Rocky can see him as a fellow human being.

Melanie Walters plays Dyanne, a rock chick whose husband Joe has early onset Alzheimers. He is only in his 50s, but he deteriorates quickly, and in her struggle to cope, she finds the strength to become the voice of the group.

Gaynor Morgan Rees, playing Marge is another powerful performance. Her character is a former amateur opera singer who has lost confidence in all aspects of her life, but the group's tribulations give her a new strength to find her voice again.

All this action takes place on a set that moves at high speed from people's living rooms to the library where the choir sing, and Anna Fleischle has done a brilliant job here, aided and abetted by Dick Straker's video backdrops.

At one point, we see the choir leave the Wales Millennium Centre by coach, after a memorable appearance on 'Britain's Got Talent', while the same backdrops flit between choral performances and scenes from the valley town where the action takes place.

Matthew Dunster's direction and Patrick Jones' script have fashioned a powerful evening that brings you face to face with a human tragedy. If you have ever snapped at an absent-minded parent then this show will make you feel a sense of shame.

My only quibble is this. Here in Wales, how long do we have to keep going back and re-fighting the miners' strike? It just about works here, as Rocky and Evan are the right age to have been involved, but there surely must come a time when Welsh writers examine present day Wales.

Lots of things outlive their usefulness, like VHS cassettes and Amstrad computers. Perhaps Wales could add Maggie Thatcher to that list.

Before I Leave is on at the Sherman Theatre, Cardiff, until June 11. More information on www.shermancymru.co.uk or 02920 646900 (box office).

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Councillors' surgery

DYFAN Ward councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell will hold their monthly councillors' surgery on Saturday, June 4 at the Colcot Community Centre on Keats Way, Barry from 10am to 11am.

No appointment is necessary; anyone unable to attend the surgery should email or telephone Claire or Anthony with any ward issues they may have.

FERGUSON TRACTOR CLUB IN DRIVE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MACMILLAN

ONE of the UK's most prestigious tractor clubs has joined forces with Macmillan Cancer Support to raise funds to help support people affected by cancer.

The Ferguson Club will be 30 years old this year, which coincides with the celebration of 60 years of the FE35 Ferguson tractor, 70 years of the T.20 Ferguson tractor and 80 years of the Ferguson Brown tractor.

To mark these anniversaries, the Ferguson Club will be staging a nationwide 20-mile tractor run on Sunday, June 5.

Mr Basil George, of the Ferguson Club, explained: "This is the first event of its kind ever to be staged in the UK. The plan is that Ferguson area representatives and their local members will organise the tractor run within their own areas on June 5 starting at 10am.

"It promises to be quite a spectacle with as many as several hundred tractors taking part across the UK, even as far afield as the Isle of Sky."

Mr George, who is organising a run from his home village of Ogmore, added:

"We all know someone who has been affected by cancer; the work Macmillan does in our communities is second to none and this is our chance to make a real difference.

"At the Ferguson Club we have a great team of dedicated members and this is our opportunity to remember the name of Harry Ferguson and to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support."

The entry fee to take part in the Ferguson Club Nationwide Tractor Run for Macmillan is £10 per vehicle. Entry forms are available by visiting www.fergusonclub.com/news/ or by contacting Mr George on 01656 654440 or by email: basil@basilgeorge.com.

Sully Painting Group's annual art exhibition

SULLY painting group will hold its annual art exhibition in the Jubilee Hall, off Smithies Avenue, Sully on the following dates:

June 17, 6pm – 9pm; June 18, 10am to 7pm; June 19, 10am to 4pm.

The exhibition is to support two local charities – Ty Hafan Children's Hospice and Mental Health MIND.

Refreshments will be available, entrance is £1 per catalogue and raffle will be drawn on Sunday afternoon.

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Tories choose former leader to fight ward seat

RHOOSE Conservatives have selected former Vale Council leader Gordon Kemp to fight the by-election on June 30, which has been called following the recent tragic death of Coun Philip Clarke.

Mr Kemp was previously one of the ward councillors between 1999 and 2012.

He commented: "I am pleased to have been selected, although it is regrettable that the by-election has had to be called in such sad circumstances. The late Coun Clarke was an active ward councillor and he will be missed by many."

Confirming the selection to branch members, Coun Jeff James said: "Gordon worked tirelessly and effectively for his constituents when he represented the ward between 1999 and 2012.

" I am certain that if he is elected he will once again be a strong voice for Rhoose ward."

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In Business Update

An expert's advice can avoid dispute

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Winged Serpents and chilling sound of a phantom bell. at Flemingston...

THE small village of Flemingston is in the Vale of Glamorgan around three miles south of Cowbridge and 8½ miles north west of Barry, overlooking the valley of the River Thaw.

Other names that are known in connection with the village include Llanmihangel y Twyn, Treffelemin, Michaelston Le Mont, or Flimstone.

At its heart is the Grade II listed Church of St Michael the Archangel which was built upon 11th century foundations during the 14th century, although the majority of the church evolved in 19th. This stone structure has a slate roof and contains a monumental stone slab exhibiting the effigy of a 14th century lady whose name was possibly Elizabeth, who is thought to have been a member of the Fleming family.

The Fleming family originated with Sir John le Fleming who was granted the manor houses of St George, Flemingston, Wenvoe and Llanmaes. He was one of the 12 knights who came to the area with Robert Fitz Hamon during the time of William Rufus.

He married Amicia, who was the daughter of Baldwin Magnus, Lord of Whitney. By 1317 Flemingston was held by Philip le Fleming, and continued down the line of the family until William Fleming sold the estate to Lewis Thomas of Bettws as he failed to produce a male heir.

Further in time, the Wyndhams of Dunraven took hold of the estate. Much of the manor, now a farmhouse, were given a Grade II listing in 2002, including the detached kitchen, garden wall, house ruins as well as its farm buildings.

Its 19th century barn was listed in 2003, as it was detected that it had undergone 16th and 17th century renovations.

Gregory Farm (Yr Hen Ffern Dy) dates back to the 17th century, with extensions and refashioning occurring during both 18th and 19th centuries. This white rubble farmhouse was awarded Grade II listed status in 2007.

Other buildings and monuments of interest include the rectory in the northern part of the village which is surrounded by a wooded garden and Rose Cottage with its thatched roof and 'eyebrow' windows from 16th/17th centuries. Another Grade II listed monument is the telephone call box which sits north of the church.

Flemingston Court farmhouse dates back to the first half of 16th century and is Grade II listed. There are a few possibilities as to how it was used: a rectory, steward or farm manager's house. The remains of a castle at Flemingston Court, or Fort Manor, adjoin the churchyard, which was in Jacobean style and as it bordered the churchyard there is a memorial in dedication to Edward Williams (1745-1828) and his son Taliesin.

Edward was a famous writer known as Iolo Morganwg, as well as a stonemason and antiquarian who was born in the village. The memorial was erected by Caroline, Countess of Dunraven.

In 1811 Flemingston was described as the 100th of Cowbridge by author Nicholas Carlisle; but by 1870-72 it was declared as being within the boundaries of the county of Bridgend according to John Marius Wilson's Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales; although today, it is back to its original county boundary.

Wales seems to be littered with tales of ghosts lurking in the background, and it would seem that Flemingston is no exception to this rule.

The legend of winged serpents circling the skies around the area is a tale passed down through time. A 19th century woman claimed that her grandfather had killed a winged serpent and kept its carcass as evidence. The corpse was then buried with him when he died. But is this just a tale of make-believe?

The shadowy phantom of a large dog has been identified prowling the grounds of the manor, before instantly vanishing like a silhouette in an instant. Could this menacing canine be a guard dog from an era now beyond our grasp?

The chilling sound of a phantom bell can be heard, bellowing out across the land from the churchyard, yet no human action of this kind is said to ever take place. Said to signify a death in the neighbourhood, could this macabre sound be a fable passed down through the depths of time by idle gossips?

Flemingston's marshy land from the River Thaw holds a secret tale of a legendary water horse that helped an old man cross the marshland during a horrendous storm. Within hours of this animal appearing, the marsh seems to flood by an imaginary freak tide, frightening people for no valid reason.

But why would a spiritual entity want to prey on innocent victims by portraying fairytale incidents from a world beyond their understanding? Fact or Fiction? Only you can decide...

HAYLEY WILLIAMS

MENTER IAITH BRO MORGANNWG

MYND AM DRO I'R FRO GYDA DAI LINGUAL...

i'r Fenni!

GYDA dyfodiad yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol i ardal Y Fenni yn Ne-Ddwyrain Cymru eleni, mae Dai Lingual wedi bod draw am dro ychydig yn agosach i'r ffin...

Roedd hi'n dros gan mlynedd yn ôl y tro diwethaf i Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru ymweld â'r Fenni yn 1913, a chyn hynny bu'r ardal yn allweddol yn sefydlu'r traddodiad o'r Eisteddfod yn ystod helbul y 19eg ganrif. Mae gen i ddiddordeb arbennig yn hanes y Fenni eleni gan fod gan fy nheulu gysylltiadau cryf yn yr ardal; Tre – neu lecyn - y Coed yw'r Goetre ble mae tafarn pentref Penperlleni dal i gadw'r enw hynafol yna: yn ddigon tebyg i dafarn y Rhydypennau yn Bow St o ran meddu ar enw gwahanol i'w lleoliad!

Ceir nifer o enwau difyr yn yr ardal sydd yn haeddu esboniad pellach – credir y daw'r enw Skirrid er enghraifft nid o'r Saesneg ond o'r enw Gymraeg, yr Ysgyryd. Dwn i ddim os yw dyfalu beth yw ystyr Ysgyryd yn dal i fod yn gêm boblogaidd ar yr aelwyd yn ardal y Fenni ond mi ddaeth 'Skirrid' yn gêm fwrdd go boblogaidd ar ein haelwyd ni gan fod un o dylwyth yr ardal yn ennill bywoliaeth fel dyfeisiwr gemau. A beth am leoliad yr Arth Wen ar ochr draw'r dre – a oedd eirth o'r fath yn crwydro'r ardal erioed? I newid ar ymadrodd y Sais, "bear with me"...mae hi eisoes yn hysbys nad oes yna ben-gwyn-iaid i'r Gogledd o'r Fro ond tybed ai'r Fenni oedd y ffin i'r arth wen yn Oes yr Iâ felly?

Os am fynd am dro i Lanofer, pentref pwysig iawn yn hanes gwerinol ein gwlad, gallwch gerdded ar hyd y gamlas o'r Fenni. A thua cyfeiriad Pont-y-pŵl, dwi yn poeni braidd nad oes gen i esboniad da am darddiad yr enw Mamhilad, buasai unrhyw gynigion yn cael eu croesawu!

Credir gan rai mai olrhain Rhufeinig sydd gan enw'r Fenni ei hun, ond pwy oedd yna cyn hynny dwedwch? Y Celtiaid; ac mae atgofion storiâu'r hen Gymry yn dal i fyw yn y fro honno – yn wir mae'n bur bosib enwyd yr afon ac felly'r dref ar ôl y Duw Celtaidd "Gobannos" – sy'n gyfarwydd i ni hefyd fel Gobannon mab Dôn yn stori 'Culwch ac Olwen' - ac mai dyna hanes enw caer y Rhufeiniaid eu hunain a chymrodd pryd crewyr y chwedl 'Gateway to Wales' - a'r enw hanesyddol i'r afon sy'n llifo'n lleol sef Gafenni; neu'r Fenni. Yndw, nawr dwi wedi benni!

Fe fydd hanesion o ardal y Fenni yn cael eu hadrodd mewn rhagolwg arbennig i Eisteddfod y Fenni ar BBC Radio Cymru. Dilynwch yr hashnod #EleniYnYFenni neu os am ymuno â'r daith cerdded arbennig o Goetre i'r Fenni ar Ddydd Sadwrn 25ain o Fehefin cysylltwch david.wyn@dailingual.cymru

LANSIO GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2016!

Roedd Menter Bro Morgannwg yn falch i gyhoeddi wythnos diwethaf y bydd Gŵyl Fach y Fro yn dychwelyd unwaith eto i Ynys y Barri, ar ddydd Sadwrn Mehefin 18fed.

Gyda bandiau byw, perfformiadau gan ddisgyblion lleol, adloniant stryd, stondinau crefftau, bwyd a diod, gweithdai syrcas, celf a chrefft a chwaraeon a gweithgareddau i ddysgwyr – bydd rhywbeth at ddant pawb!

CYFLE I WIRFODDOLI

Rydym yn chwilio am unigolion brwdfrydig a chyfeillgar i wirfoddoli yn Gŵyl Fach y Fro eleni. Prif rôl y gwirfoddolwyr bydd bod yn bwynt cyswllt i'r cyhoedd - dyma gyfle gwych i fod yn rhan o'r ŵyl gyffrous hon!

Os oes gennych ddiddordeb, cysylltwch â Ffion: ffion@menterbromorgannwg.cymru / 029 20689888

O'r Fro i'r Fflint

AMDANI gyfeillion, gyd-Gymry, gyd-eisteddfotwyr - cefnogwch Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2016!

Fel un sydd wedi mwynhau mynychu a chystadlu yn Eisteddfod yr Urdd am flynyddoedd, rwy'n eich annog i deithio i'r Fflint eleni! 4 awr o daith yn unig yw'r siwrne!

Cyngherddau! Gwersylla! Cerddoriaeth! Cystadlu! Coroni! Gwyddonle….. a gig i gloi'r Eisteddfod eleni! Mae yna ddigon felly i ddiddanu cynulleidfaoedd o bob oedran.

Pob lwc i bawb sydd yn cynrychioli'r Fro yn yr Eisteddfod eleni. Wedi dweud hynny, nid y cystadlu yn unig sy'n bwysig ond yr achlysur a'r cyfle i ddod ynghyd i hyrwyddo a dathlu'r iaith. Mae dysgu ennill a cholli yn rhan hanfodol o brofiadau plant hefyd, ac mae pob aelod o'r Urdd wedi derbyn un cam o leiaf yn eu bywydau. Nid esgus i bwdu neu siomi yw cael cam, yn enwedig wedi i chi gyrraedd y Genedlaethol! Yn hytrach, ymffrostiwch eich bod wedi llwyddo i gynrychioli eich ysgol, adran neu aelwyd ar y safon uchel yma! Mae casglu'r freebies yn bwysig hefyd! Ble arall mae modd llenwi eich cas pensiliau ar gyfer y flwyddyn academaidd nesaf?

A ddylai'r ŵyl deithio yn flynyddol? Rwy'n siŵr y bydd y cwestiwn hwn yn cael ei ofyn eleni eto. Rwy'n unfryd fy marn mai gŵyl deithio yw'r Eisteddfod - cyfle i adael gwaddol Cymreig ar drefi a dinasoedd ym mhob cwr o Gymru! Ydy, mae'n gallu bod yn boen ac yn ddrud i deithio mor bell, ac yn straen ychwanegol i athrawon ac ysgolion ond mae'r profiad yn un unigryw a phwysig i genhadaeth y Gymraeg ymysg pobl ifanc. Fe ddaw'r ŵyl yn ôl i'r Fro cyn hir rwy'n siwr, a byddwn yn disgwyl i bobl deithio yr adeg honno. Dyma un o ŵyliau ieuenctid mwyaf Ewrop ac mae dyfodol yr Urdd a'r iaith yn ddibynnol ar ein cymhelliant a'n awydd i'w fynychu! Hen ŵyl ddiflas yw un sydd yn mynnu aros yn yr un lle yn flynyddol, siawns?

Yn ola'f– pa dref yn Sir y Fflint yw'r lleiaf ym Mhrydain, yn ol y Guinness World of Records? Bydd rhaid i chi fynychu'r ŵyl i wybod yr ateb!

Cynhelir Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2016 rhwng Mai 30ain – 4ydd o Fehefin.

JACOB DAFYDD ELLIS
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SÊR EIRY ALBAN HEFIN

DYMA'R hen enw ar ddiwrnod hira'r flwyddyn – ysytyr 'alban' yw'r pwynt uchaf, ac mae 'hefin' yr un gair â 'haf'. (Ystyr Mehefin – yw canol haf).

Ystyr y gair Saesneg 'solstice' yw 'yr haul yn sefyll yn llonydd'; ac mi fydd e am rai dyddiau cyn troi yn ol tua'r gaeaf.

Mae hwn yn ddyddiad pwysig iawn yn astrolegol – pan fo'r haul yn oedi dros drofan Cancer a symud i arwydd Cancer. Eleni bydd hyn yn digwydd am 22.34 ar Fehefin 20fed.

Os cawsog eich geni ar yr 20fed neu'r 21ain o Fehefin mae pethau mawr yn eich aros mewn bywyd. Mae gyda chi'r nerth i wynebu pob math o anhawnsterau, a'u gorchfygu. Mae'r dyddiad hwn hefyd yn argoeli'n dda i bawb sydd am wneud rhywbeth pwysig neu dyngedfennol ar y diwrnod.

Bu'r dyddiad yn bwysig ers bore oes. Ers canrifoedd mae dynion wedi edrych i fyny at yr haul a'r lloer a'r sêr am arweiniad, ysytriwch fel yr adeiladwyd Côr y Cewri (Stonehenge) i sicrhau fod yr haul yn codi rhwng y ddwy garreg fawr yng nghanol y cylch ar adeg Alban Hefin a tharo'r 'heel stone' (yr un gair â 'haul'), a nid dyma'r unig feini o'r oes gerrig lle mae hyn yn digwydd.

Roedd Hirddydd Haf, Gwyl Ifan (dethlwyd diwrnod Ioan Fedyddiwr ar Fehefin 24ain) yn bwysig iawn i'r hen Gymry. Amser i ddathlu fod y cnydau'n tyfu, i ladd gwair ac i fwynhau addewid yr haf. Codwyd y fedwen

haf ar noswyl Gwyl Ifan a dawnsio o'i hamgylch am 9 diwrnod.

Arferid cynnau coelcerthi hefyd a syllu i'r fflamau i gael gwybod eich ffortiwn a phwy fyddech chi'n ei briodi.

Yr enw ar St John's Wort (sy'n adnabyddus erbyn hyn fel llysieuyn meddyginiaethol) yw Llys Ioan ac fe'i rhoddwyd uwchben y drws i ddanfon ysbrydion drwg i ffwrdd, oherwydd ystyriwyd noswyl Gwyl Ifan yn 'ysbrydnos', sef noson pan fyddai'r ysbrydion ar gerdded.

EIRY PALFREY

Cerdded a Chymdeithasu gyda Chymry Cymraeg

HEN EGLWYSI GAN VALEWAYS

Roedd yr haul yn gwenu ym Montfaen a thaith estynedig gan Valeways ymlaen i ymweld â hen eglwysi'r ardal.

Daeth blodau'r gwanwyn allan i'n croesawu tra'n cerdded yng ngwyrddni'r coed. Briallu ym mhobman yn ein hatgoffa o Iolo Morganwg. Clychau'r gog yn ffurfio lluoedd o hedd yn eu hiwnifforms gleision. Clywyd sain hudolus yr adar. Dim telor y cnau, y tro hwn, ond yn eu plith roedd siff-saff yn trydar. Clywodd yr adar, yn eu tro, ambell air hudolus o Gymraeg. A ninnau'n gwenlasu.

Dechreuasid y daith yn Eglwys y Groes Sanctaidd gyda ei thŵr trawiadol, cyn symud ymlaen i'r caeau a'r coed. Syndod i lawer oedd Eglwys Brynach Sant. Mae hi'n hynod o ddiddorol. Bron heb ei newid ers i'r Pla lladd trigolion Llanfrynach, mae camfeydd arch yn arwain yna o Gastell Penllyn. Pentre pert yw Llanblethian ac yn yr eglwys yna, a oedd yr olaf o'n tair eglwys, cawsom gyngerdd annisgwyl gan organydd a wnaeth lenwi'r adeilad a'n heneidiau.

Roedd tair awr wedi hedfan a'r criw o gerddwyr yn cynnig cwmni mor ddiddorol, penderfynwyd mynd am banaid yn yr Arth. Gwnaeth y sgwrs yn parhau.

Blas bach o'r gorau sydd yn cuddio ym Mro Morgannwg oedd y prynhawn yna gyda'r cyfle i weld hen ffrindiau a chwrdd â phobl newydd. Am groeso'n ôl i Gymru! Diolch i'n harweinydd, Ruth, am drefnu'r daith.

Ydych chi am gerdded yng nghwmni Cymry Cymraeg? Darganfod cyfrinachau'r Fro? Cael tipyn o ymarfer corff yn yr awyr iach? Bydd croeso cynnes i'r rheiny sydd ar daith iaith, ar y ffordd i ddod yn Gymry Cymraeg. Mae popeth yn cael ei esboniо'n ddwyieithog ac mae cyfle nid dim ond i sgwrsio gyda Chymry Cymraeg go iawn, ond i wrando arnyn nhw er mwyn gwella'ch acen a geirfa. Ydych chi'n poeni am y pellter? neu am y camfeydd? Peidiwch! Cynhelir teithiau "Crwydro" yn gyson, yn cynnwys awr o gerdded yn araf iawn (dim bryniau o gwbl!) dilynwyd gan goffi a chlonc. Am fanylion, cysylltwch â Ruth 07800969157 neu ewch at www.valeways.org.uk. Dewch yn llu!

KAY HOLDER

Readers' Letters

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'Opportunity missed for honest debate on Europe'

I WOULD like to compliment Mr Sanders for his detailed letter last week regarding the EU referendum debate, as it also echoes my frustrations with political spin that is currently being peddled by our senior politicians, Government departments, financial institutions, and business leaders.

It seems that every time I sit down to watch the news, a new fear factor is being announced, should we ever contemplate leaving the EU. But I'm not worried because I already have plans for an air raid shelter in the back garden for the forthcoming war, my kids already take all my money, so they will be £220 worse off per year and not me, and we have been through so many recessions while under the EU, another one will not make any difference if we leave!

Next month, the British voting public has been asked to decide on whether it wishes this country to leave or remain in the European Union. Given the right information and an open debate, we are more than capable of making the correct choice.

However, we all know that this will not happen and hence the current political pantomime that is being played out in front of us all. I feel that at the start of the referendum, our Prime Minister should have taken a neutral position in order to chair the whole process, to ensure that we received the best available information and informed debate, to help us all to make this very important decision.

After all, he is our lead politician, who represents us all and there are more than enough senior politicians to take his place in the Remain campaign.

Sadly, this is not the case and politics is politics, but could you imagine if he had remained neutral and championed a fair debate, just like the BBC?

We could have had an honest brief from the leaders of MI5, MI6, military and police leaders on the security issues surrounding the leave or remain choices. They could have given their candid advice on whether it is sensible for the expanding EU to still try and remove the Ukraine from the Russian sphere of influence and its possible military consequences with Mr Putin's forces, which to me is a real fear factor.

So we are left to guess whether if by leaving the EU, we will be more secure and can reduce the need for our police to carry out terrorist attack exercises in our shopping centres, as recently practised in Manchester.

Just like his cabinet, he could have given the executives of our health services, education establishments and other tax-funded social services a free hand to explain the main reasons for why they are so overloaded.

Would it have anything to do with the flood of EU citizens into our country and the extra 1.5 million which our Government only recently discovered?

So we are left to wonder if anyone is in control of our population size. Has the Government actually done any resource planning, or are they just leaving it to chance and crossing their fingers and hoping that these key institutions don't collapse.

Instead of deriding a world renowned Cardiff University professor of applied economics, who believes that we will be better off, in the long run, by leaving the EU, our Prime Minister could have chaired our professor, in an open debate, with the Chancellor or head of the treasury, and allow us to judge who had the stronger economic case.

But politics isn't that sensible and the pantomime must continue. So some of us will be left in fear, as we are told that economic models show we will take a personal financial hit, if we leave.

But others sensibly ignore their results, as they do not believe in the assumptions that are programmed into such models.

As for me, being in the EU has given us an awful £32 billion balance of payments deficit and on recently hearing that the majority of jobs created in this country now go to other EU citizens and not our own kids, I am with the professor, who is an independent voice.

GEM reader Ian Williams,
St Athan village.

'We can't separate UK from world's problems'

THE present stance of Brexit, even if one accepts much of the strange optimism of those who propose it, must be the most extreme example of isolationism in 100 years.

Even if we all accept that Britain will be OK outside the EU, just to please these intellectual giants, there is no kind of evidence that international problems which face all nations will disappear. Brexit enthusiasts never even discuss the matter; get Britain out of the EU, is as far as their minds go.

Separating Britain off from the tensions of other countries, which threaten all of us, is no attempt to engage in reality. There is not another planet to retreat to.

The problems of Syria, Libya, Ukraine do not disappear if we leave the EU, although that is the only basis of much Brexit support, the hope that we will no longer be involved in wider international issues.

Isolationism is the action of the ostrich, sticking its head in the sand, and that does not supply the most reliable view of the future. That is dangerous, since only international, collective action can safeguard any of us.

C N Westerman,
Brynna.

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2016

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'Cost of living fear if we exit Europe'

IN OR OUT?

HAVING spent a lifetime with a keen interest in modern history, politics and economics, my vote will go to remaining in the EU if only for the simple reasoning of the old adage – when in doubt, always go for 'the devil you know'.

Claims from those on both sides of the argument leave a lot to be desired; however, unlike your correspondent of last week whose decision appeared to be based on a whole raft of names and claims, I place my judgement more on the credibility and character of individuals.

As such, I put forward four names whose credulity and rantings are probably the best reasoning for staying in the EU!

1. Boris Johnson – a political opportunist, whose opinions on the EU have been reviled by his own family. I would suggest checking his opinions of some eight years ago, when they were in direct contrast to those at present. He seeks nothing more than being the champion of the Euro-sceptics in the Conservative party, who are causing a far more toxic split in the party than anything the media continue to direct at Labour.

As the campaign rolls on to June 23, take note of the increase in volume of the buffoonery of Boris.

2. Ian Duncan Smith – until quite recently, here was someone who spent almost six years in making the lives of the disabled and poorest in our society nothing more than abject misery with welfare cuts and the 'bedroom tax'. Then came a 'road to Damascus'-like conversion of astounding proportions, when suddenly claiming to be a supporter of the 'have-nots' in stating 'they' will be worse off if we remain in Europe! Such hypocrisy can only emanate from one political party!

3. Michael Gove – the so-called 'brains of Brexit'. Another political opportunist whose career started as a Labour supporter and protester, before 'jumping ship'.

Already the holder of four cabinet positions (and a failure in all) regardless of the outcome of June 23, will probably be shown the door by "Call me Dave".

4. Norman (now Lord) Lamont – last week brought into action for Brexit; a former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Many of you with above average memories will recall his exploits of the early 1990s when, transfixed like a rabbit in the headlights, he did nothing during the 'black' week for financial institutions, with the devastating run on sterling.

He was widely blamed for the cost of living soaring to over 15 per cent during that week. His tenure of office did not break any records.

The cost of living is something that has not been overly discussed during this campaign and is a worry to me – I fear a considerable rise should we leave the EU.

Consider this, Norway, Monaco, Switzerland – not in the EU, and with possibly the highest cost of living on the continent and certainly not in the top choice of holiday destinations for your average Brit.

One final word – whatever the outcome of June 23, Great Britain will never be worthy of being called the United Kingdom again!

Colin M James, Barry.

'Why I am voting to get out of Europe'

I DO not personally agree with everything said by the politicians and pro-EU pundits or experts.

Likewise, I do not agree with everything that is said by the Brexit campaigners – but on balance, I feel being in The EU is costly, unnecessary, and sometimes defies logic.

Take, for example some of the ridiculously silly rules and laws passed by Brussels' unelected European parliamentarians.

The British food standards agency was forced by Brussels to make the following ridiculous ruling on the retail industry: of you go to any shop or supermarket to buy peanuts, wall nuts, Brazil nuts, or any other nuts, they are not allowed to be sold unless the packaging includes the following statement; "Warning, may contain nuts."

Basically, I would say that in itself is completely nuts. Yet when there is a large jar of peanuts on the retailers' shelves they use a scoop to place the nuts on the scales and are then placed in a plain paper bags with no such warning attached at all.

Here is the best yet, a leading European-owned British supermarket has just been forced to remove and condemn a whole consignment of canned herrings which under these silly Brussels rulings must be destroyed, costing the supermarket giant many hundreds of thousands of pounds in lost revenue leading no doubt to an increase in products across their other ranges to compensate their losses.

The offending cans were ordered off display and subsequent sale because, the cans did not display in English the following crazy statement; "Warning, may contain fish."

So the pro-European guys want us to vote for this kind of lunacy. I will definitely be voting out and I rest my case.

Barrie V Evans,
Coordinator, Barry First Group, Barry Voice, Barry Crusader.

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Britain 'the biggest empire of all'

REFERRING to your correspondent Mr R Bradshaw's assertion (The GEM, May 26) that Britain has saved Europe from empire builders, may I point out that Britain was the biggest empire builder of all.

Britain fought these others not out of any altruistic motives, but because it at times felt threatened and at other times wanted the same pieces of other people's land that these empire builders had occupied or were coveting.

Reference to reliable history books would have helped Mr Bradshaw present a more balanced argument.

Marc Delaney, Barry.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Carers' advice

CARERS Wales are able to give expert advice, information on carers' benefits and information on support groups that are available in the area.

A session will be held on Thursday, June 9 from 10am–12pm at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Just come along and chat to one of the team from Carers Wales. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Barry Legion

THE Barry Royal British Legion branch will not be holding a meeting in June; the next meeting will be on Monday, July 11 at 2.30pm in the Barry Town Council Chambers, next to the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016

1. NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 32,33 & 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the effect of which is to amend parking charges at the locations specified in the Schedule below.

2. These amended charges shall come into effect from Monday 27th June 2016

The following Traffic Regulation Orders is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) Order 2015

SCHEDULE

Proposed Car Park Charging and Enforcement

Name of parking place	Scale of charges for parking place (2015/2016)	Scale of charges for parking place (2016/2017)
Rivermouth, Ogmore-by-Sea	**Applicable All Year** **For tickets purchased between 8.00am and 4.00pm** 0-1 hour £ 1.00 1+ hour £ 5.00 Buses/Coaches £ 10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo motorcycle FREE **For tickets purchased between 4.01pm and 11.00pm** 0-1 hour £ 1.00 1+ hour £ 2.00 Buses/Coaches £ 10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE	**Applicable All Year** **For tickets purchased between 8.00am and 4.00pm** 0-1 hour £ 1.00 1+ hour £ 5.00 Buses/Coaches £ 10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo motorcycle FREE **For tickets purchased between 4.01pm and 11.00pm** 0-7 hour £ 2.00 Buses/Coaches £ 5.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE

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Brig-Y-Don, Ogmore-by-Sea	**Applicable All Year** **For tickets purchased between 8.00am and 4.00pm** 0-1 hour £ 1.00 1+ hour £ 5.00 Buses/Coaches £ 10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo motorcycle FREE **For tickets purchased between 4.01pm and 11.00pm** 0-1 hour £ 1.00 1+ hour £ 2.00 Buses/Coaches £ 10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE	**Applicable All Year** **For tickets purchased between 8.00am and 4.00pm** 0-1 hour £ 1.00 1+ hour £ 5.00 Buses/Coaches £ 10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo motorcycle FREE **For tickets purchased between 4.01pm and 11.00pm** 0-7 hour £ 2.00 Buses/Coaches £ 5.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE

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Dated this 2nd day of June 2016

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing, Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

Vets take on the best France has to offer!

THIS year, Barry Vets travelled in style from Rhoose airport to Paris CDG and were gratefully picked up by our Beauvais friends Zeze and Denis – *merci beaucoup,* boys!

On arrival in Beauvais, bags were dropped and friendships renewed with hugs for old friends we had seen a short time ago in the Six Nations Vets match.

The team arrived on time for the Tournoi the next morning with a few sore heads and preparations began to find another four players to bolster the team. (Many thanks to Mathieu and our newly found Romanians friends Harri, George and Ivan).

Chairman of selectors Paul Delaney did his normal excellent job of team selection, aided by the fact that the pack picked itself!

A minute's silence, respected impeccably, was held to remember the life of a Beauvais stalwart, before the Tournoi began,

The first game played against Rosny on a gorgeous sunny day was a fantastic defensive effort, which ended up in a narrow loss. Barry knew they had to get more ball and a few tactical changes were made to the next fixture.A few more visiting players were welcomed and Barry set about taking on the next French opponents. Barry played a better game with some of our strike runners in the pack putting in big runs and tackles.

Barry and Epinal rugby veterans.

Tackle of the Tournoi was by Baz Mills covering back and taking his opponent's legs away from him as he was destined to score. The resulting shredded knees and elbows were appreciated by his teammates. Barry went down again by a solitary score.

The next fixture saw a re-match against Laon always a very tough encounter. Again some massive hits were put in by Gavyn Elsworth, Nicholas Lundy and Simon Mepham, ably assisted by the sniping of Turnbull and Thomas.

Following some excellent build-up play by Jones and the other forwards, the ball was shipped out. Matt cut a lovely angle and was put in for the winning try by Julian McTavish.

Having got a win on the board, Barry's next opponents were Clermont Potage and from the outset the hits were bigger and there was a tension in the air. The author was counter-rucked by a young lady, much to the amusement of the sidelines.

Barry then went a try behind, but Clermont lost a player through foul play. With the extra player, Barry set about Clermont – but parity of players was ensured a minute later by an odd sin-binning for a visiting player.

The blood and thrust continued and Barry deservedly equalised in the corner, the grudge match ending in a draw and a fair result.

This ushered in lunchtime and the usual Tournoi photo was taken in the stand with the band, and every team joined in the antics, singing and clapping as rugby brothers/sisters – as is the Beauvais way .

We then played Les Chats Bottés from Epinal and were requested to take it easy on their two female wingers – not a chance; one scored two tries and not even a hair on her head was touched. We later discovered she plays for Stade Francais and runs 100m in 13 seconds! Down three tries to nil, Barry battled to the end and scored the final try.

The last game saw a last-second defeat as the players had given their all.

As a player commented, Barry celebrated win, lose or draw, and photos were taken afterwards with both teams, obviously they knew they were playing past champions! The revelry commenced and on Sunday some complained of illness but endured the train journey to Paris, where some sampled French delicacy of Lescargot.

Thanks to the playes - Lee Jones, Lee Turnbull, Gavyn Elsworth, Matt Phillips, Clive Thomas, Julian McTavish, Nicholas Lundy, Simon Mepham, Baz Mills, Frank Greig and Andy Moffatt, chairman of selectors Paul Delaney, and the tourists/gift carriers/water boys/photographers - Pat Jones, Michael Alan Mepham, Steve Evans, Ricky McClure, Wendy, Charlie Chucas, Julie and Jayne.

A massive thank you also to our hosts Beauvais and friends Fabrice Vandroux, Patrick Dorchy, Yaya Deslos, Ingrid Bethmont, Benoit Coupas, Jean P Delouche and Catherine, Julian Zedam and Denis for their kindness in picking us up for the airport.

It was a 'magnifique Tournoi' as always, and *'tres bien'* to our friends Luc Vandenameele, Christophe Birnbaum, Zeze and everyone who put on the green jersey.

A special thank you to our sponsors Paul Lant of FJ Tyres, College Road, Barry and Tina Harrison from Three Horseshoes in St Athan. ***AM***

TENOVUS CHARITY CALLS FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

TENOVUS Cancer Care is asking the public to nominate volunteers to celebrate their work.

The annual awards, which will be hosted by ITV Wales News presenter Carl Edwards, recognise the contribution of volunteers to Tenovus Cancer Care and the difference they make to the lives of cancer patients and their loved ones. The charity has almost 2,000 volunteers across the country.

There are five award categories, based on the values of Tenovus Cancer Care: Creative, Respectful, Bold, Supportive and Inspiring.

Awards are also presented for Young Volunteer of the Year and an overall award for Volunteer of the Year.

David Payne from Pontyclun, last year's Tenovus Cancer Care Volunteer of the Year, said: "In 2015 I had the honour of being presented an award for 'Most Inspirational Volunteer of the Year 2015' and to my amazement on the same night 'Overall Volunteer of the Year 2015'.

"When you are voted by, and surrounded by, the most amazing people with incredible stories and life challenges it was indeed a truly incredible honour, and one I will treasure for the rest of my life."

Members of the public can nominate a volunteer for a volunteer ward by visiting **www.tenovuscancercare.org.uk** or calling in at any Tenovus Cancer Care shop.

Katie Taylor, volunteer development manager at Tenovus Cancer Care, said: "These awards celebrate the amazing work being done day in, day out by our volunteers across the country. It's our way of saying thank you for all their hard work; we simply couldn't help as many cancer patients and their loved ones without the support of our volunteers.

"If you know someone that volunteers for Tenovus Cancer Care who you feel deserves extra special recognition for their work, please get your nomination in now."

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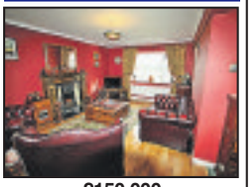
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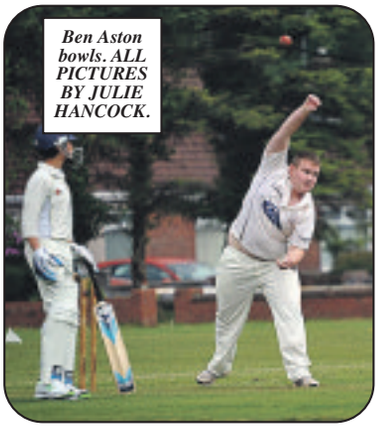
Pencoed earn a first win of cricket season



Ben Aston bowls. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

Kris Jones.

Matt Williams takes a catch.

PENCOED welcomed Newport to Felindre Road in front of a record bank holiday crowd.

After winning the toss Pencoed decided to bowl first and James Smith wasted no time in removing both Newport openers.

Fellow opening bowler Thasan joined the party removing Mohammed for a duck.

This left Newport in trouble at 12-3 and Pencoed went in for the kill with Smith ending up with 5-26 and Dewi Jury polishing off the tail with 4-11.

Only Newport skipper Guy Muspratt (24) offered any real resistance with some lusty blows and Newport were bowled out for 82 off just 17.3 overs. Matt Williams on his debut took a couple of catches as the fielders backed up the bowlers in a solid team performance.

Pencoed got off to the worst possible start with club stalwart Ali Waterhouse out first ball for a duck.

But fellow opener Bilal Sabir and Kris Jones shared a stand of 22 before Jones was out for 2. Pencoed lost a couple of quick wickets but while Sabir was at the wicket they looked in control before he was caught for a well-made 32 runs.

A couple of big hits from Thasan got Pencoed close to the total before Smith and Tom Fletcher saw them home for the loss of seven wickets.

Pencoed moved up to fourth in the table and will take on unbeaten Cardiff next Saturday in Cardiff.

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Porthcawl Bridge Club

LATEST results from the club are:

Saturday, May 14: First – Terry Dolan and Peter Bennett; Second – Dil Evans and Roger Draper.

Thursday, May 19: First – Trish Saunders and Pat Cogbill; Second – Rob Charlesworth and John Beard.

Saturday, May 21: First (equal) – Janet Richards and Tony Haworth; Peter and Sandie Jenkins.

Thursday, May 26: First – Keith Davison and Tony Haworth; Second – Rob Charlesworth and John Beard.

The club meets twice a week, Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, 6.45pm-9.45pm, visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call our secretary, Trish, on 01656 785794.

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Fun in the sun at the Cowbridge Food Festival

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- FITTED KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY
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- INTEGRAL GARAGE
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- MASTER EN SUITE
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- CONVERTED GARAGE
- DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZING THROUGHOUT
- LARGE GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING
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NEW

PETERSWELL ROAD, BARRY
- DETACHED PROPERTY
- 4 BEDROOMS
- MASTER ENSUITE
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
- GROUND FLOOR SHOWER ROOM
- SLATE PAVED PATIO
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- UTILITY ROOM
- OFF ROAD PARKING & APPROVAL FOR GARAGE
- ER=D

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BROOK STREET, BARRY
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FIRST FLR. BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- GARAGE/LANE ACCESS
- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
- ER=F

£87,500

ROBERT STREET, BARRY
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO BEDROOMS
- 1ST FLR FAM. BATHROOM
- NO CHAIN
- SERVICES NOT TESTED - SOLD AS SEEN
- ER=D

£90,000

POWIS VIEW, BARRY
- WELL PRESENTED
- 1ST FLOOR APARTMENT
- REPLACEMENT KITCHEN
- REPLACEMENT BATHROOM
- 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING VIA COMBI
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- ER=C

£95,000

CHURCH ROAD, RHOOSE
- GROUND FLOOR GARDEN APARTMENT
- 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM OVERLOOKING GARDEN
- SHOWER ROOM
- DRIVEWAY PROVIDING AMPLE PARKING
- IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
- NO CHAIN
- ER=E

£99,950

NEW PRICE

BELL STREET, BARRY
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS (3RD ACCESSIBLE FROM BED 2)
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- LANE ACCESS
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

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ST. NICHOLAS CLOSE, BARRY
- 2 DOUBLE BED APARTMENT
- THIRD FLOOR
- WEST END LOCATION
- BALCONY WITH SEA VIEWS
- GCH UPVC D/G
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- ER=D

£105,000

VALE STREET, BARRY
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- GROUND FLR BATHROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS
- IN NEED OF UPDATING
- SOLD AS SEEN-SERVICES NOT TESTED
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

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MORGAN STREET, BARRY
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GROUND FLR. BATHROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- NO CHAIN
- ER=

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LAURA STREET, BARRY
- MID TERRACE TRADITONAL
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
- UPVC DG & GCH VIA COMBI
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO FORWARD CHAIN
- ER=D

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THE PASTURES, BARRY
- MODERN MID LINKED
- LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO BEDROOMS
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- DRIVEWAY PROVIDING PARKING
- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- ER=D

£116,500

CLIVE ROAD, BARRY
- MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
- THREE REC. ROOMS
- REPLACEMENT 2016 FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- RENOVATED THROUGHOUT
- DAMP PROOF COURSE
- REPLACEMENT BOILER,DECORATED,FLOORING
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

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VICTORIA ROAD, BARRY
- MID TERRACED
- TRADITIONAL FORECOURT
- THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- SOUTH FACING ENCLOSED GARDEN
- CONVENIENT WEST END LOCATION
- ER=D

£152,000

ST. BRANNOCKS CLOSE, BARRY
- END OF LINK
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- TWO BEDROOMS (PREVIOUSLY THREE)
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- GARAGE/PARKING IN BLOCK
- CUL DE SAC POSITION
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- EPC=D

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ST. BRANNOCKS CLOSE, BARRY
- SEMI DETACHED
- EXTENDED DWELLING
- WELL PRESENTED
- LIVING ROOM
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN/DINER/SITTING AREA
- THREE BEDROOMS
- BALCONY OFF MASTER
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- NO FORWARD CHAIN
- ER=D

£179,950

CONWAY DRIVE, BARRY
- DETACHED PROPERT
- VERSATILE LIVING THROUGHOUT
- GRD FLR. KITCHEN, LIVING ROOM,DINING ROOM/BEDROOM
- 1ST FLR. TWO FURTHER BEDROOMS
- FAMILY SHOWER ROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- CARPORT AND OFF ROAD PARKIING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING VIA COMBI BOILER
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- ER=C

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PETERSWELL ROAD, BARRY
- SPACIOUS SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- KITCHEN/DINER
- UTILITY ROOM,W.C. CLOAK
- INTEGRAL GARAGE
- FIVE BEDROOMS
- FAM. BATHROOM
- DRIVEWAY
- BACKING ONTO ALLOTMENTS
- ER=D

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OXFORD STREET, BARRY
- WELL PRESENTED & SPACIOUS
- MID TERRACED BAY FRONTED
- LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM
- STEPS TO BASEMENT KITCHEN WITH INTEGRATED APPLIANCES
- UTILITY AREA,W.C. CLOAKROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS
- INFORMAL HOBBY/ATTIC ROOM
- ENCLOSED SOUTH FACING GARDEN
- ER=D

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VICTORIA PARK ROAD, BARRY
- TRADITONAL SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM WITH BALCONY OVERLOOKING REAR
- STEPS RECEDING TO BASEMENT ROOMS
- THREE BEDROOMS
- 1ST FLR. THREE BEDROOMS,FAM. BATHROOM
- LOWER GRND. THREE FURTHER ROOMS
- SIDE ACCESS LEADING TO FRONT
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT • ER=C

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TYNEWYDD ROAD, BARRY
- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
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- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- GARAGE/LANE ACCESS
- NO CHAIN
- ER=C

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LON FFERM FELIN, BARRY
- MODERN DETACHED
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN/UTILITY RM
- FOUR BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE)
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER = D

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- TWO REC. ROOMS
- THREE BEDROOMS
- ATTIC/HOBBY AREA
- FABULOUS VIEWS OVER THE VALE
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TO LET

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- TWO BEDROOM MID TERRACED PROPERTY
- UNFURNISHED
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
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- CLOSE TO TRANSPORT LINKS
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- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO BEDROOMS
- UPSTAIRS FAMILY BATHROOM
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- NO SMOKERS
- NO DSS

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TO LET

WESTBURY CLOSE, BARRY
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- UNFURNISHED
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- KITCHEN
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- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- ONE SINGLE BEDROOM
- FRONT & REAR GARDEN
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- EPC=

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TO LET

PURDEY CLOSE, BARRY
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- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- BATHROOM
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- REAR GARDEN
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EDWARDS
Jeanette

Peacefully on May 27 at Llandough Hospital, after a short, but brave battle with cancer, Jeanette aged 78 years of Barry. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Loving mother of Anthony, Nita, Terry and Margaret, grand and great grand-mother, sister and loyal friend to Dave.
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JONES
Henry Cadwgan

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Alfred George (Alf)

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Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until his reception into St. Helens R.C. Church on Monday, June 6 at 5pm for his requiem mass on Tuesday, June 7 at 1.15pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery at 2.45pm.
Family flowers only but donations in lieu of flowers to Alzheimer's Society and Leukaemia Reseach.

McNEILL
James

On Thursday, May 19, James (Jim) formerly of 'Barry TV Services' passed away at UHW Cardiff, aged 70. Jim passed away in the presence of his loving family after a courageous and dignified battle with illness. Devoted and cherished husband of Wendy, cherished dad to Darren and Linda. Loving father-in-law to Sian and Nigel and adored grampy to Callum and Sam.
Jim was loved and respected by so many and will be missed sadly by all that knew him.
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FARR
Reginald Albert (Tom)

Peacefully in his sleep aged 85, at home in his own bed with his wife of 60 years sat next to him.
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Funeral service at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, June 10 at 1pm (where all please meet). Family flowers only please. Donations to the RNLI (Barry Branch) may be forwarded to A.G. Adams & Son, Barry.

JAVES
Dilys Anne
(née Blackburn)

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Alan's funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 8 at the Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 1pm. As per Alan's wishes, flowers if desired may be sent to the funeral home or donations can be made at the service for Velindre Cancer Care.
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DAVIES
Ewan Sorton

Peacefully on Wednesday May 18, Ewan Sorton of Barry - retired deputy headteacher of Cynffig Comprehensive School, Kenfig Hill. Much loved uncle of Helen and Ruth and great uncle of Rachel, Matthew, Jonathan and Benjamin.
Funeral to be held on Monday, June 6 at 12 noon at the funeral home chapel of A.G. Adams & Son, Gladstone Road, Barry, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm.
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I think of you every day,
my eyes fill with tears and won't go away.
Hope the angels are looking after you and Dad.
Love, little sis Tina xxx

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Two call-outs for Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat

Barry RNLI Lifeboat

JUST before lunchtime on Sunday, May 29, the Barry Dock volunteer RNLI lifeboat crew was called out to rescue a speedboat with engine faliure off Porthkerry Beach.

Although tested the day before, the speedboat's engines failed while they were at sea and the boat's owners were unable to restart them.

Jon Atkins, coxswain of the Barry Dock RNLI Lifeboat, said: "It was bad luck to have the engines fail, but sea conditions were good and we were able to tow the boat back to safety without further incident."

At 6pm the same day, the crew was scrambled to another broken down boat, but was stood down after mustering at the lifeboat station.

If you would like to get involved with the RNLI and volunteer an hour or so a month, please call 01446 735678.

Book fair to help restore fountain at Dyffryn Gardens

A second-hand book fair is being launched by the National Trust at Dyffryn Gardens in the Vale.

After running a successful second hand book shop, which has raised more than £10,000, it aims to raise even more to restore the fountain at the end of the Great Lawn.

The fair will see stalls set up in the house and gardens selling quality second hand books.

Other activities include book folding workshops, creative writing classes run by Bryony Goffin and storytelling. All proceeds from the event will go towards the restoration fund. The staff will also be putting on 'Team Dyffryn Question Time', their take on gardener's question time.

The public will be able to ask the panel of general manager Geraldine Donovan, head gardener Chris Flynn and their team, questions about the gardens, plants, and history of Dyffryn.

They will also be given gardening tips.

The fair will run from June 11-12 (10.30am to 4pm).

Normal admission prices also apply for extra events.

More information is available at ***www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens*** *or call 02920 590813 .*

'Leave' campaigners host local meetings

LOCAL campaigners for Britain to leave the EU are holding public meetings in Barry and Cowbridge in the coming days to give Vale residents the opportunity to get involved in the campaign for Brexit.

On Monday, June 6, they will be meeting at 7pm in the upstairs room of the Duke of Wellington Pub on High Street in Cowbridge.

On June 7, they will be meeting at 7pm in the Cadoxton Conservative Club on Vere Street in Barry.

"Anyone interested in the Leave campaign is welcome to attend either event, depending on which date and location is most convenient," a spokesperson said.

COWS ARE NOT IMPRESSED WITH THE GOLFING FARMERS!

RIGHT: Society president and captain Geraint Davies with sponsor Mark Rees, winners Reg Davies and Andrew Lamb, and runner up David Williams.

AS golfers throughout the Vale will know the very thought of playing a 'medal' round instead of the customary and more favoured Stableford format sends a shiver down the spine bringing with it many varied and interesting reasons of not wanting to participate.

Gout, unexpected funerals of long distanced relatives, shearing and quickly arranged holidays were just a few of the reasons why only 28 members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society participated in the recently held monthly meeting at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club, kindly sponsored by Mark Rees.

Those that attended were rewarded with a course in excellent condition, warm sunshine and also the opportunity of winning the Shrieval Trophy, donated to the society by the late Islwyn Rees.

However, for quite a few, the tree-lined fairways proved quite difficult to locate and errant shots were severely punished.

In particular the 317-yard 6th hole played from an elevated tee to a well-protected green proved particularly troublesome and accounted for the majority of the 77 balls that failed to make the journey home.

The well-bred Friesian cows resting peacefully in the field bordering this hole could not have been impressed at the rare sight of society president Geraint Davies, Clive Edwards and Peter Francis using up their five minute allowance, searching in vain, for both their first and provisional balls bringing an abrupt end to their hopes of entering the winners' enclosure.

Despite these difficulties a number of members kept their concentration and returned quite respectable scores.

Former Cowbridge All Stars goalkeeper Reg Davies, despite taking nine shots on the opening par-5 hole, quickly settled into his game to finish in first place with a net 73 followed by David Williams who returned a net 76.

John Caines, with a net 78, finished in fourth place just ahead of Griff Morgan who returned a net 82. Andrew Lamb took the honours in the section for visitors, finishing with a net 78.

David Williams was the only player to hit any of the par-3 holes to win the Watts & Morgan, Cowbridge sponsored prize and Tim Jarvis hit the longest drive down the 18th hole to win the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored prize.

Clive Thomas somehow correctly guessed the high number of balls that would be lost to collect the Premier Turf Ltd sponsored bottle of whiskey that raised £100 for Prostate Cancer Wales.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 24, with members looking forward to their annual 'away day' which involves a coach trip to north Somerset to play the Mendip Springs Golf Club, an event kindly sponsored by local estate agents Payton, Jewell and Caines.

Finally, the Society is extremely grateful to Cowbridge solicitors Glamorgan Law Ltd for funding the coach journey to Mendip Springs.

Draw for the quarter final of the Nipper Jewell knockout competition:

Julian Kelly v Mark Rees; Dan Jarvis v Chris Rooney; Julian Golunski v Brian Jones; Griff Morgan v Martyn Edwards - matches to be played by June 24.

TMC

Captain's charity day at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club

CLUB captain Paul Coombs looked to the skies and hoped that the potential rain showers would not spoil his special charity day to raise funds for Cancer Research Wales.

Club captain Paul Coombs (left) congratulating Andy Evans of the winning team.

There was a huge entry with tee times booked from early morning until way into the afternoon. The fears were unfounded as it was sunshine all the way and golf played in almost perfect conditions.

As well as the main competition, played in the form of a Texas Scramble, there were plenty of opportunities to raise funds with a putting competition, a chipping contest, nearest the pin and a secret bid for a four ball at Langland Bay Golf Club.

Add in the usual raffles and at the end of the day over £2400 was raised for the nominated charity.

The main competition proved to be a very, very close affair with the winning team from Wenvoe Castle of Tim Dimond, Jeff Plevey, Tim Hanson and Andy Evans posting an exceptional net 56.9.

Second place went to visitors Anthony Jay, James Hunter, Greg Buckle and Martin Olway from Pontypridd Golf Club just missing out with an impressive net 57.8. They were the last group out and just missed out on the final green.

Captain Paul Coombs presented the various prizes and thanked all for the tremendous support on the day.

Special thanks went to the green staff for once again presenting the course in superb condition and the club members, particularly the ladies section, for the help and organisation throughout a long day. Particular praise went to the bar and catering staff whose service from early morning to the end of the day was really appreciated.

At great day and as hoped the real winners were the captain's nominated charity - Cancer Research Wales.

RESULTS

Texas Scramble - 1st Tim Dimond, Jeff Plevey, Tim Hanson and Andy Evans Net 56.9; 2nd Anthony Jay, James Hunter, Greg Buckle and Martin Olway Net 57.8; 3rd Rob Campbell, Craig Miller, Mick Jones and Billy Harrington Net 57.9.

Nearest the pin – ladies (second hole) Jane Lotte (8' 1"); men (ninth hole) Steve Davies (5' 10"). Nearest the line (14th hole) Jim Heggarty (on the line). Putting competition (joint winners) Rhys Ivory, Barbara Beedham and Sheila Morrow. Chipping competition (joint winners) Steve Cleaver and Mike Jones. Secret bid for Langland Bay four ball voucher - Nigel Stephenson.

BJ

Youngsters save the day for Cowbridge CC

ON a day at Gowerton when Cowbridge's first XI were facing a heavy defeat, the combined efforts of school students Matthew Keating and Rian Thomas, plus Swansea University mathematician Joe Russell, served to frustrate the home bowlers to the extent that an unlikely draw was secured.

Having posted a gargantuan score of 293-7 and having Cowbridge at 41-7 it seemed that a early beer was waiting for the home XI.

"Not so", thought Matthew and Rian, who proceeded to put on 61 for the eighth wicket. Rian faced 73 balls and made 35 before falling at 107.

However the slim figure of Joe Russell proved well up to the task of staying with Matt as they ground out the heroic draw.

The support of Rian and Joe had been essential but it is Matt who deserves the main plaudits. Facing 112 balls (that's more than 18 overs on his own), Matt's obduracy was a model of the defensive innings.

That Matt only scored 16 in his innings was irrelevant as his stubbornness increasingly frustrated the home side.

Earlier in the match Cowbridge had started well reducing Gowerton to 79-5. Chris Willey took three and Jake George conceded just 25, both off 10 over spells.

The day belonged to Matt Keating, though, and maybe Cowbridge will turn a corner and start climbing the Division One table from now on.

Maesteg Celtic are this Saturday's visitors to the Athletic Ground. Meanwhile the second XI cannot climb to a higher position in Division Five as they currently lead it.

A fine win for Jonathan Smart's men by five wickets over Llanelli was a just reward for a good all round performance.

John Gilbert conceded just four runs from his eight overs and Heath Webb picked up three wickets which served to put Llanelli on the rack at 35-6.

Good hitting from the visitors' No 5 Westcott, who made 54, put a total of 135 on the board. Ian Harris took 3-11 towards the end of the innings.

With Jonty Webb in pre-nuptial form, the target was soon reached in 35 overs with the former skipper left on 83 not out.

Another good win then for the second XI, who travel to Kidwelly this Saturday when the meet the opposition's first team.

Ladies impress in the Shield

ON Tuesday, Llantwit Major ladies bowlers welcomed Bridgend Municipal Ladies for another round of the Cowbridge Shield.

With the weather being kind to us we had an enjoyable afternoon of bowling. Margaret, Marian, Pat and Kay went in the lead from the start and, with a 5 on the 6th end and a 4 on the 10th, kept it up to the end, winning 21-9.

Eryl, Julie, Lyn and Liz were also ahead from the start and steady scoring throughout ensured a win of 21-8.

Dilys, Carol, Margaret and Edna did not find their form and, with all four ladies from Bridgend playing exceptionally well, they lost 8-25. Well done ladies.

On Thursday we travelled the short distance to Millwood, but in brilliant sunshine Llantwit ladies found the green quite a challenge.

Margaret, Marilyn, Naomi and Kay were 8-8 on the 10th end but Millwood scored 4 on the 11th and 17th which enabled them to win 12-19. Hard luck ladies.

Carol, Margaret, Eryl and Liz were unable to get ahead of Millwood and although scoring steadily in the second half, were unable to close the gap and lost 11-18.

Julie, Barbara, Pat and Edna were slow off the mark but on the lucky 13th end they went in the lead, 14-13. Millwood came back on the 15th making it 16-16, but the last three ends were Llantwit's with a score of 21-16. Well done ladies, and thank you Millwood ladies for a lovely tea.

CW

Under-15s show the way

THE under-15s are showing the way for the Cowbridge Cricket Club junior teams.

In the under-15s B league of the Cardiff and Vale junior cricket, the team has made a promising start winning both the opening matches.

First up was a visit to Llantwit Major where the home team batted first. Llantwit fielded some inexperienced players and only their captain and opening bat D. Henson, with 27, contributed to the total of 47 all out; Quin Silk with 4 for 3 and Ellis Murphy 2 for 2 gained most of the wickets.

An opening stand between captain Sam Russell (26) and Heath Webb (15) scored the necessary runs to gain victory by 10 wickets.

Penarth was the visiting team in our first home match of the season with Cowbridge electing to bat first.

Our three county players went cheaply and it was left to young Harry Treharne to anchor the innings which he did with an admirable 28 not out, ably supported by Matthew Persey (12 not out).

Cowbridge reached a total of 111 for 5 with extras contributing a large part of the score. Fine pace bowling by Sam Russell (2 for 6), Quin Silk (1 for 6), Heath Webb (0 for 8) and Shiraz Khan (2 for 12) ensured that the visitors were behind the asking rate.

Sam Dunscombe (1 for 9), Evan Pryce (1 for 8) and Ellis Murphy (1 for 4) ensured victory by 32 runs with Penarth 71 for 9.

During the half-term break all junior coaching will cease for that week with no games until June 4, when the under-11s will play Barry.

JB

Presentation evening at Cowbridge RFC

ON May 20, more than 100 members and guests attended the Cowbridge RFC annual dinner and a very enjoyable evening was had by all present.

The evening was well organised by Rob Price with guest speaker Rowland Phillips.

The evening started with a tasty three-course meal provided by Andrew Tucker and his team. Rob then introduced Rowland Phillips, one of a small group of dual code rugby internationals.

Rowland was born in St David's and played for the mighty Neath team of the 80s from where he was capped for Wales.

He then moved north to Warrington and we heard of the characters and adventures he had along the way including coaching stints in Wales, Italy and now with London Welsh. Rowland also referred to the fun he had linked to his television appearances.

Club captain Huw Loughor thanked the players and coaches for all their efforts. There had been real highlights with the cup run that ended at eventual winners Burry Port, but only on try count.

The games at the end of the season with the win over leaders Taffs Well the pick. Huw thanked the physics, both of whom were in attendance, not least for the help he had received. The supporters and sponsors were also thanked for their contributions.

Club chairman John Griffiths welcomed all of those present and thanked all of those who had contributed to a very long season.

John then introduced the first award of non playing clubman of the year to coach Richard Harris who lead the team behind the stupendous success of the youth team, winners of no less then three cups including the big one the WRU National Cup.

John then handed over why each award winner had been successful be it skill, determination or commitment.

John then handed over to coaches Dan Williams and Leigh Davies - Dan outlined why each player was successful, be it skill, determination or commitment .

The winners were: player of the season - Richie Howson; player's player - Huw Lougher; supporter's player - Richie Howson; most improved - Alex Lewis; young player - Alex Guard; top try-scorer -back, Will Williams; forward, Emyr Stone; top points scorer - Ben Wright; playing clubman of the year - Kieran David.

Leigh Davies outlined the coaches' strategy of encouraging players to further their playing opportunities while fostering a learning and improving ethic at Cowbridge, mixing youth with experience. Leigh said the future looked positive.

Finally thanks go all those behind the scenes who help Cowbridge RFC each week of the season and to The GEM for their continued coverage.

Good luck to Wales in New Zealand, the games are sure to be on at the club.

RV/RK

TIM'S WINNER

MONSIEUR ARKADIN, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin, and ridden by Alan Johns, landed the closing bumper (National Hunt flat race) at Huntingdon on Monday.

A 2-1 chance, Monsieur Arkadin won by two-and-a-quarter lengths from the favourite Lord Bryan, trained by Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen and partnered by Jamie Moore.

BRIAN LEE

BLAST FROM THE PAST...

GEM columnist Brian Lee who this year is celebrating 50 years of reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene for the national and local press takes another look through the pages of one of his many press cuttings scrapbooks.

With the approach of the 1979 season, and under the heading "Point-To-Point Title Wide Open This Year", this is what I had to say: "During the next three months or so 15 point-to-point meetings will be held, weather permitting, in the south and west Wales areas.

The season gets under way on March 3 when the Carmarthenshire Hunt stage their meeting at Llanybri and the Ystrad Hunt hold their fixture at Lower Machen.

For many enthusiasts the coming season will be a sad one due to the absence of Tommy Morgan's Mandryka, the most popular point-to-pointer in the history of Welsh Hunt racing. Mandryka which was not much bigger than a pony, dominated the Welsh scene the past six or seven seasons, chalking up a record 45 wins, all of them in open races.

With the little horse now in retirement the way is clear for a new champion to emerge and perhaps endear itself to the hundreds of enthusiasts who go point-to-pointing, whatever the weather, each weekend throughout the season.

Before Mandryka's reign it was Milton Bradley's mare Octroi which captured the imagination of the crowds. This game mare won 22 races with Celia Conley in the saddle before injury cut short its racing career.

Another prolific winner was the grey Sylvester 11, which in the 1950s won 29 races. Sally On, Spurn Head, Wily Star, Mr Worth, Chingley Golden Heart, Norther and Clover Bud which went on to win the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow are others which were great favourites over the years.

But which horse will enthusiasts be cheering home this season? Could it be Dillwyn Thomas's Prince Haven 11 or Cefn Soloman?

Many people will remember those two great performers of the Thomases-Summer Days 11 and Cariff Princess.

One horse which could prove almost unbeatable in Wales would be Mrs Diane Sloman's Linden Lad, but it is in hunter chases that it will probably make its mark."

"First Win For Julie" read a report of mine in 1981 which appeared in a local paper and went on to say:

"Julie Bolton, a radiographer at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff, chalked-up her first winner when partnering Keith Pritchard's grey mare Shesheen to a short head victiory over Candy Coaster at the Tredegar Farmers' Hunt Steeplechases.

Julie, who was in charge of the number board at the recent Gelligaer Farmers meeting where her husband Chris was the announcer, was riding the odds-on favourite and the men's open here also went to an odds-favourite Rose Harry's Fitz, partnered by John Llewellyn."

Under the heading "Llewellyn Lands 20-1 Winner" I wrote: "Proud Prince ridden by Welsh champion John Llewellyn landed a division of the Heygate Gold Cup Open race at the North Hereford Point-To-Point.

Proud Prince, a 20-1 outsider, scored by 10 lengths from the favourite Spartan Scott with his rider looking round for non-existent dangers on the run-in.

Owner Gordon Lewis, a near neighbour of Llewellyn, said in the paddock after the race that he was 'surprised' with the result.

There was another surprise win by a Welsh horse when Fonman, trained at Chepstow by Colin Davies for land agent Mr. M.E. Zorab, took the first division of the restricted open. Fonman was bred by Lady Boothby of Fonmon Castle.

Fonmon was the first leg of a treble for John Bryan who also won the second divsion of the restricted open on Little Bilsham and the third division on Dainty Dolly.

Distraught owner/rider Mary Crouch cried: 'I don't know what happened' after her Linden Lad collapsed and died after winning the Ladies' Open Race for which there were 20 runners.

Linden Lad, who up until last season was qualified with the Glamorgan Hunt, got home by half-a-length after a hard struggle with Adulation.

Mark Richards, a 17-year-old schoolboy from Abergavenny, chalked-up his second success when winning a division of the Open on his father's Dempsey.

'The member race went to the even-money favourite Ledger Lane ridden by Andrew James and Adrian Ulyett won the Adjacent Hunts' race on Wily Vision and Bob Wooley the Maiden on Lynn Tricolure."

Dinas Powis's Rose Harry had her famed chesnut Fitz in fine form that year and under the heading "Fitz Has 25th Win In Style" I reported: "Rose Harry's Fitz, partnered by Tim Rooney, chalked-up his 25th point-to-point success when landing the Adjacent Hunts' race at the Glamorgan Hunt Steeplechases.

Fitz, who has also won two hunter chases under Rules, finished 22 lengths clear of Ballydamus, with Naval Power a further length away in third place. Fitz's win was consolation for Mrs Harry after the disappointing display of her Ernie The Milk, who pulled up in the men's Open race won by Gordon Lewis' Proud Prince.

Mary Crouch, from Berkshire, outwitted her 10 Welsh rivals by making every yard of the running in the women's Open on her French-bred Sweetock.

Proud Prince was ridden by John Llewellyn who also won the members' race on Majer Gerard. Tim Rooney also won the first division of the restricted on Ted Williams's Crosstown and Bryan Eckley the second on Glynn Valley. Brian Price won the first division of the maiden on Gillian Rosemary and Barry Thomas the second on Welsh Cuckoo."

At the Talybont Hunt Steepelchases that year, I claimed: "A Welsh bookmaker made racing history when he laid two odds-on favourites in the same race. Dave Dee, of Merthyr, went 4-5 Bell-Amys and 4-6 Sheer Ice in the Ladies' Open Race.

Three other horses were quoted at 2-1 with 6-1 the rank outsider. Only four bookmakers, the others must have been at Chepstow and Lydstep, attended the meeting, the lowest ever recorded in Wales, and angry racegoers complained about the ridiculous odds on offer.

Bassaleg farrier Tim Rooney was in brilliant form, landing a treble with Quiz Master, Canhe and Hunting Master from just three rides, and David Stephens took the opening members' race on Ambley Wood, Karen Tollit the ladies' open on Copper Castle.

At the Curre Hunt steeplechases, Vale farmer Arthur Thomas saw his Border Merchant win the restricted after the pacemaking Watergate had fallen three fences from the finish. Border Merchant was ridden by John Beavis.'

I am researching a book on notable Welsh point-to-point riders and and notable Welsh point-to-pointers and would like to hear from anyone who has press-cuttings, photographs, memories, etc. Please e-mail brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920 736438.

BRIAN LEE

Captain's day is held at Millwood

Left to right: Des Cameron, Jan Jones, Peter Taylor and Rob Thomas.

DUE to an extremely busy fixture list, Millwood club captain Alan Evans decided to take a chance on an early season captain's day and was well rewarded, with the weather gods turning on what has probably been sunniest weekend of the year so far, backed by club members and guests in their droves.

The main event of the afternoon was a fours competition for the Curly Cup played in memory of Geoff Whitehouse, a founding member of Millwood.

The matches were thoroughly enjoyed by all players who revelled in the sunshine and in good sportmanship.

At the end of the afternoon, the final was played between rinks skipped by Peter Taylor and Derek Gorringe; the final was closely fought with Peter's rink finally coming out on top, although the scores were level at the conclusion of the game and and extra end was needed to determine the winners.

BH

An easy week enjoyed on the greens for the Cowbridge lady bowlers

THE ladies played two home matches last week and had a relatively easy passage as the opposition in both games were unable to field full teams.

In the Monday evening two rink game the visitors were from St Fagans. Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Margaret Cooper, Lynda Wilson and Dorothy Pritchard 24-5.25; Lin Wallace, Caryl Davies, Jan Lewis and Sylvia Hole 20-3.75. Match score: Cowbridge 44, St Fagans 9.

In the Thursday league game Barry Central were the visitors; rink scores: Maggie Penn, Lyn Wallace, Joy Woolford and Shirley Wilkinson 34-6.75; Diane Purnell, Pat Davey, Sylvia Hole and Sue Flowre 31-6.75; Janet Morton, Caryl Davies, Lynda Wilson and Phyllis Price 14-8.25. Match score: Cowbridge 59, Barry Central 21.75.

The men had a midweek Munro Cup game away to Llantwit and the result went Llantwit's way.

Although Cowbridge lost on two rinks and won on the third, there was a memorable finish for Alan Wallace and his team who, after 16 ends, had only scored 11 shots to Llantwit's 18, but then scored a 2 and a 5 on the last two ends to draw level.

Rink scores: Roger Barwick, John Jones, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 18-12; Ron Frayling, Byron Richards, Rob Lewis and Bob Penn 14-21; Mansel Davey, Gerry Lloyd, John Trott and Clive Pritchard 8-31; Terry Dunsworth, Bryan Hole, Guy Morton and Alan Wallace 18-18. Match score: Cowbridge 58, Llantwit 82.

This Friday, June 3, is the first meeting of our Friday social triples competition which will be played on Friday evenings between June 3 and August 19.

Six teams will compete and all of our 10 new members will play some part during the 12 week course. Players are reminded to arrive by 5.45pm so that we can make a prompt start.

Finally the men's team start their Cardiff MBA League competition with an away fixture at Taffs Well this Saturday.

This is the first of 14 matches to be played this season; clubs play each other on a home and away basis.

MB

The Barry and District league tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

League table: Rhoose Social 188, Wyndham Cons 185, West End 182, Liberals 180, West End Runaways 180, Cadoxton Cons 177, Moors Boys 168.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Allsorts 1, Slammers 6; Rhoose Social A 5.5, Liberals A 1.5; Cambrian Flyers 4, Barries Boys 3; Liberals C 6, King William XII 1; Rhoosters 2.5, Rhoose Social C 4.5; Rhoose Social B 2.5, West End D 4.5; West End C 1.5, Rugby Club 5.5.

League table: Sea View B 136.5, West End D 122.5, Rugby Club 110.5, Barries Boys 109.5, West End C 103, King William XII 102.5, Slammers 100, Rhoose Social A 99.5, Rhoose Social B 94, Rhoose Social C 87.5, Allsorts 85, Rhoosters 82.5, Liberals C 82, Cambrian Flyers 72.5, Liberals A 68.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons B 4, Caddy Allstars 1; Wyndham Cons A 5, Market Street C 0; Savoy A 4, Harbour B 1; Rhoose Social C 3, West End C 2; Penarth Cons B 3, Rhoose Social B 2.

League table: Savoy A 116, Harbour B 110, Cadoxton Cons B 97, Wyndham Cons A 84, West End C 78, *Cadoxton Cons Z 73, Rhoose Social C 57, Caddy Allstars 56, Rhoose Social B 56, Penarth Cons B 50, Market Street C 44 (* = Points deducted).

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Wyndham Cons C 3, Market Street B 2; Cadoxton Cons A 2, Liberators 3; Savoy B 2, Penarth Cons A 3; Services Social B 5, Sully Sports A 0; West End A 3, Wyndham Cons D 2.

League table: Services Social B 101, Liberators 93, Penarth Cons A 93, Savoy B 89, Market Street B 88, Wyndham Cons C 80, Cadoxton Cons A 66, West End A 63, Sully Sports A 60, West End B 46, Wyndham Cons D 46.

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

CTK netballers are selected for Wales

CONGRATULATIONS to six CTK players Clare Jones and Sarah Llewellyn (senior squad) and Megan Powell, Anna Brindley, Emily Edwards, and Lydia Hitchings (under-21s) who have been selected to represent Wales in a tour of South Africa for a three match test series in Durban between June 17-19.

We would like to thank The Vale resort for their ongoing support of all of our players and Darryl Maynard for his expert input to our players.

Wales have never travelled to South Africa before but this tour is essential to further develop our athletes. Wales seniors are presently ranked seventh in the world and South Africa are ranked fifth, so the test series promises to be a tightly-fought contest.

The under-21 squad will also be playing three tests as part of their preparation for Netball Europe in October which is extremely important this year as it is the qualifiying competition for World Youth Cup in Botswana. We wish both squads a safe and successful tour.

CW

Belle Vue taste success in Munro Cup

ON a cool, summer night, Penarth Belle Vue Bowling Club had a very good win against Barry Central by 82 shots to 14 (12-2 points) in the Munro Cup.

Rink one won quite well (31-7), a very good performance. Lead was Gerry Field; No 2 Paul Booth; No 3 Alan Thomas, and skip Len Fowler.

Rink two (18-11) another good win. Lead was captain Frank Keen; No 2 Gordon Ford; No 3 Paul Paterson and Colin Scammel two skip.

Rink three clocked up the third win (22-10). Lead was Rowland Fletcher; No 2 Richard Brant; No 3 John Whitfield and skip Trevor Ford.

Rink four (only defeat 11-16) was the only rink to come unstuck. Lead Dave Smith; No 2 Graham Duggan; No 3 Richard Fitzjohn and skip Dave Miller.

A big thank you to Gerry Field for the pasties and Paul Booth for looking after the bar!

FK

BOWLERS COME OUT ON TOP AGAINST NEIGHBOURS

LLANTWIT MAJOR mens bowlers hosted near neighbours Cowbridge for their Wednesday Munro Cup game, always an enjoyable game played in a friendly spirit, with Llantwit coming out on top, 82-58.

Richard George's rink took the lead from the start winning the first five ends to take a 10 shot advantage.

After losing the next two ends Llantwit shot ahead again, winning another five ends to take a commanding lead of 15 shots, losing only another two ends to win by 23 shots.

Graham Jones' rink were handicapped from the start, being one player short, with Cowbridge having an experienced lead in Roger Barwick to give them a good start.

They forged ahead with Llantwit unable to match them, giving Cowbridge their only winning rink.

Charles Hiscock's rink started slowly, winning only one of the first five ends to be six shots down. Llantwit then came into the game, taking the next four ends to go three up in a topsy-turvy game.

Cowbridge then went in front before Llantwit scored eight shots over four ends to be six up; but Cowbridge hung in there, scoring six shots on the final two ends to draw the match.

Neville Young's rink were one shot down after four ends before scoring five on the next end to go in front.

Cowbridge came back to take a three shot lead by the 10th end but Llantwit then again went in front to win by seven shots.

NY

Vale Sports Arena partners with the Welsh Rugby Union

A groundbreaking partnership has been announced between the WRU and the new multi-sports complex in Penarth, the Vale Sports Arena.

The partnership will see a number of rugby coach education opportunities in the Vale to help grow the game.

The WRU coach development department is excited to announce a new additional state-of-the-art facility to its 2016/17 coach education programme.

Jon Evans coach development manager for the Blues region stated: "The Vale arena offers a new indoor 3G pitch along with excellent presentation suites that enhance the experience that coaches receive when attending a course.

"I'm delighted that we will be running a level one and a level two course from there as this is the beginning of what will be a great partnership between the WRU and the arena."

Vale Sports Arena director Peter Griffiths said: "The partnership is a wonderful indication and a sign of our commitment to help grow sport and physical activity for all ages in the area. To have the arena as a coach education centre for rugby is an honour and we will embrace the ongoing relationship."

For more information about the Vale Sports Arena, please contact 07955270870 or email info@valesportsarena.co.uk. **PG**

Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for May 24:

1st Mike Close and Mike Best 69.64%; 2nd Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan 68.45%; 3rd Mark Roderick and Noelle Bond 58.33%. Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm; alternatively, players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address. **DR**

Belle Vue struggle

ON a nice, sunny evening at Millwood in a nice friendly atmosphere, Penarth Belle Vue went down 86-52 in the Munroe Cup.

All four rinks lost, but the game was enjoyable.

Rink one: Lead bowler Rowland Fletcher, Richard Brant, John Whitfield and skip Trevor Fold lost 16-12.

Rink two: Lead bowler Frank Keen, Gordon Ford, Barrie Bagwell and sip Paul Paterson lost 28-13.

Rink three: Lead bowler Gerry Field, Paul Booth, Alan Thomas and skip Len Fowler lost 18-13.

Rink Four: Lead bowler Dave Smith, Graham Duggand, Richard Fitzjohn and skip Dave Miller lost 24-14.

A big thank you to Millwood for their hospitality and a nice evening. **FK**

Sports groups dip into Vale Community Chest Fund

NINE Vale organisations have been awarded funds totalling £11,195 from the Community Chest sports funding scheme.

The Sport Wales-funded scheme is managed by the Vale Council's sports development team to help more people become more active.

Successful applicants included Barry Athletic Cricket Club, which received funding to send their coaches on level 2 coaching courses; and Rhoose Lifeguards. Its funding will be used to purchase high visibility vests to ensure that participants can be seen in the water. Barry YMCA Gymnastics Club and Penarth Gymnastics Club both received funding to send their coaches on training courses.

Colcot Boxing Club won a grant to increase the number of young people taking part in the sport. The club has teamed up with the Vale Council's 5x60 scheme to encourage secondary school pupils to become more active. They will also be looking to work with young offenders to use boxing as a diversionary activity and to increase coaching opportunities at the club by sending volunteers on coaching courses.

Other organisations benefitting from the fund include Barry Athletic FC, Cowbridge Cricket Club, Cowbridge and District Angling and the 11th Barry Sea Scouts, which will be sending volunteers on powerboat, safety boat and kayak instructor courses.

Sport Wales has provided funding in excess of £100,000 for the Vale Community Chest scheme.

Contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council's sports and play development team on 01446 704793 to discuss your proposal, prior to submitting an application.

Follow The GEM's sports Twitter page - @*sport_gem*

Cottrell Park ladies enjoy their away day by the sea

Helen Poole, Margret Rees, Marianne Allan and Lawri Roberts on the first tee.

Ladies captain Sian Lovell with Kay Bradbury, chairman of Cottrell Park.

Chris Evans, vice captain, with Sian Lovell, captain, and winner of the Miss Button Trophy (Sian is wearing the golf hat).

FOLLOWING on from the successful 20th anniversary celebrations at Cottrell Park Golf Club, the ladies captain arranged the annual away day.

This year the venue was Langland Bay Golf Club situated on the beautiful Gower Peninsula. The sun shone throughout the day and the views were spectacular. The course presented a challenge to all!

In an unusual turn of events it fell to the ladies' vice-captain, Chris Evans, to present the Miss Button trophy to the worthy winner, captain Sian Lovell.

A very enjoyable day was topped off with an excellent meal in the golf clubhouse. **RD**

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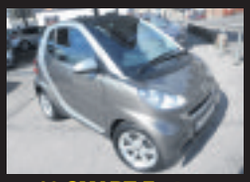

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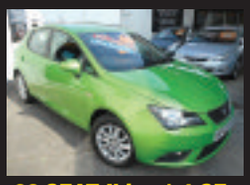

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Centurions well beaten at Ponthir

SULLY Centurions Cricket Club visited Ponthir and after winning the toss, captain Santosh Singh opted to insert the opposition.

Spinetti (53) and Price (40) shared a century opening stand, before Price was trapped lbw by Rajkumar - the first of three wickets for the bowler.

However, Ponthir continued to rack up the runs, finally ending on 238 for 6 after the 50 overs.

In reply, Centurions lost a host of early wickets - being reduced to 68 for 6, before Tom Davies and Ali Raza put on 48 for the seventh wicket.

However, the last three wickets went down for just 17 runs, with the final score being 133 all out, Ponthir 238-6, Sully Centurions 133 all out.

The second XI hosted Ponthir seconds on a beautiful sunny afternoon at Burnham Avenue and lost by eight wickets.

Batting first, Centurions lost some early wickets and were 25 for 3 in the 12th over when Josh Bryan (27) and Adam Gilliatt (17) came together and put on 45 for the fourth wicket.

However, Tom Jarvis wrapped up the Sully tail with a fine display of bowling, ending with five wickets for just 19 runs, as Centurions ended on 105 all out.

After tea the opening pair of Simms and Ryan put on 60 for the first wicket. Young Aaron Emyr, with 2 for 19, was the only Centurion to take a wicket and, with Simms ending on 65 not out, the target was reached in the 26th over for the loss of just those two wickets.

Although a loss, it was good to see the mostly young team compete and it was also heartening to see the return of Lloyd Bruce for Centurions after his pre-season accident and hopefully he will be back in 1st XI action soon. Sully Centurions second XI 105 all out, Ponthir second XI 107 for 2.

MF

JSTKD battle it out in Welsh open

THE team from JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness found themselves facing some tough opposition at the recent Welsh Open Tae Kwon Do Championships.

As usual, the team had a mixture of juniors and adults, with several members taking part in both patterns and sparring events.

The juniors comprised Rhys Doel, Menna Burmingham, Josh Edwards, Sean Edwards, Ashton Curnick, Niamh Padmore, Xantia Hoborough, Alisha Roberts, Zac Bowmen, Saul Bowmen, Finlay Valvo, Alex Munn, Dylan Sullivan and Nathan Skinner, who regrettably had to withdraw before the competition got underway. The adults comprised Lynne Parfitt, Chris Edwards and Viv Wilfred.

Everyone represented JSTKD admirably at this large competition, which welcomed over 1,000 competitors from across the UK. Teams travelled from all over Wales, England and Scotland to battle it out for the trophies.

There was good news in the colour belts as Ashton made a forceful return to competing, having been absent from the last few tournaments.

He stormed through his event to take the silver in the Cadets Red Belt Sparring – although this was decided after extra time since Ashton was in no mood to just give in lightly!

For the girls, Alisha clinched a bronze in the individual Girls Yellow Belt Lightweight Sparring event and then went on to add a silver in the Girls Yellow Belt Tag Team Event.

Also in the junior colour belts, Finlay put in a spirited performance to move through the rounds but sadly just missed out on a chance at the medals.

Sean, Dylan, Xantia, Niamh, Saul and Alex all sparred with full commitment but met with formidable rivals early on.

Zac was particularly unfortunate as his fight had to be stopped due to a technical issue.

The junior Black Belts, Rhys, Menna and Josh sparred valiantly, despite getting some challenging draws but weren't able to progress to the medals this time around.

The brave trio will all be competing in the upcoming World Championships being held in Birmingham in July.

The adults stepped up to the mark, with team captain Lynne Parfitt coming home with yet another trophy. This time she claimed the bronze in the Ladies Red Belt Sparring event.

More Red Belt action was taking place in the Men's Event which saw Chris Edwards put in a courageous performance. He was paired with a very intimidating rival, who was warned several times for aggressive behaviour and was looking set for a red card.

In spite of taking a severe kick to the face, Chris stood his ground, although ultimately losing out to his opponent.

Viv Wilfred, meanwhile, was sparring in the Executive Ladies Blue & Red Belt Sparring contest. She looked set to reach the final but after having two points disallowed, eventually had to settle for the bronze.

JSTKD hold classes throughout the Vale for those from three years old to adults and for all levels and abilities. Beginners of all ages are assured of a warm welcome. Full details at www.jstkd.co.uk.

VW

Final rounds of chess championships held

THIS month also saw the final pair of rounds of the Barry Chess Club championships.

It has proved a long slog to complete this competition that started back in September. There were originally 27 entrants but by the end of the tournament there were only 19 hardy individuals still playing.

Some had fallen by the wayside and for a few the dates clashed with other events.

This was the sixth club championships. The first was won by Richard Hamscombe.

Lee Davis took the next three trophies. Last year Lee's son, Ashley, took the trophy home. After five rounds Ashley held a half point advantage over Matthew Davies.

Round six saw the top four players all playing one another. Ashley and Matthew both won their matches against Steve Cunliffe and Dave Parsons respectively. They had therefore opened up a gap over the rest of the field.

With Plate leader Martin Ricketts losing there was a change at the top of the Plate. Ken Curry earned a victory to lead the Plate also by half a point.

The Bowl was also led by Ken with a minor lead over new players Ray Denyer and Huw Davies.

In the final round Ashley beat Sam Jukes to retain the title with a score of 6.5 from his seven matches. Matthew also won by finish unbeaten on six points. In other years that would be enough to win it. There was a big gap of 1.5 points from the rest of the field.

In the Plate there was an interesting match between Ken and Martin. A draw for Ken would have been enough for him to win the Plate.

An excellent performance, however, from Martin denied Ken, and Martin earned his first trophy in the 16 years he has been a Barry member.

A surprise win for Ray Denyer over Peter Watkins took Ray up to four points for the tournament. This equalled Martin's score but on tie break Martin took the Plate and Ray took the Bowl.

Overall this was a good tournament only spoilt by the excessive number of defaults.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PJ

Flint strikes form

VALE trainer John Flint landed the Newton Abbot Racecourse On Facebook Handicap Hurdle with his eight-year-old chestnut mare Bernisdale last Wednesday.

It was a close thing as Bernisdale, ridden by Daniel Noonan, and which went off the 4-1 favourite in a field of 17 runners, won by a neck from 33-1 outsider Fuhgeddaboutit.

Then at Ffos Las on Friday evening his five-year-old EddieMaurice, partnered by his son Rhys, took the ToteQuadpot Four Places In Four Races Novices' Hurdle by one-and-a-quarter lengths from the David Pipe-trained Nice Thoughts. EddieMaurice was returned the 7-4 favourite.

BRIAN LEE

The Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, May 24, the Edmondes Arms hosted the knock-out stages of the Super League Challenge Cup.

It provided another good evening of darts. Despite a format favouring the lower placed teams, there was no stopping this season's champions, the Edmondes B, who defeated the Edmondes C in their semi-final match and the Farmers Arms in the final.

The Farmers Arms had defeated the Farmers B (H&H) in their semi-final match.

With the season almost complete there are no more Tuesday matches. However, next Saturday, June 11, the Six Bells Inn will host finals and presentation night.

Doors open at 7pm and matches will start at 7.30pm. In the ladies' doubles final Joan Smith, Pam Adams and/or Maureen Fleming (Farmers Arms) will play Hilarie Coles and Joan Burt (Old Post Ladies) while in the men's doubles final Martin Thomas and Paul Butcher (Edmondes B) will play Paul Cates and Luke Woolf (Highwayman Inn).

In the ladies' singles final, Mickey Wilcox (Old Post Ladies) will play Joan Burt (Old Post Ladies). The evening will conclude with the men's singles final in which Paul Butcher (Edmondes 'B') plays Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms).

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Enforced 'rest' may come home to roost Down Under

Can Welsh wounds heal in time to face test?

THE Wales camp always knew it was a calculated risk – taking on the Grand Slam title-holders in their Twickenham stronghold with a team of match-starved players low on confidence after a mediocre domestic season – the day before setting off to New Zealand on Monday for a daunting three-test series against the double world champions.

In a real sense, it was a lose-lose situation, for as critics of the controversial 'friendly' fixture had been quick to point out, Wales were at near full strength, while the home team had around seven leading players unavailable – so victory for Warren Gatland's more settled squad was only to be expected, and defeat surely inconceivable?

No matter that given the superior depth of talent available to opposing head coach, Eddie Jones, now seemingly spoilt for choice on the playing front, there was no way an England line-up showing just one new face could be described as "weak" – but it did not prevent the wily Aussie turning up the pre-match heat by insisting that Wales were "*clear favourites to win*".

Even so, few could have foreseen a 27-13 outcome that saw the men in red blasted off the sun-drenched Twickenham turf on the end of a comprehensive, five-try defeat that would have been even more humiliating if the otherwise accomplished home outside half, George Ford, had remembered to bring his kicking boots – managing to convert only one attempt at goal.

In fairness, Wales bucked an all too familiar trend by getting off to a promising start for once, and drew first blood through a well-worked try by loose-head Rob Evans, converted by outside half Dan Biggar, who also landed a penalty for a 10-0 lead – but centre Luther Burrell gave an ominous indication of things to come by darting unchallenged through a defensive gap for an easy touchdown.

A worse omen came with the early departure of match skipper Dan Lydiate (who had been operating on the open side flank), with a shoulder injury that badly hit the reshuffled Welsh efforts at the breakdown, and prematurely ended his tour hopes.

To their credit, the men in red clung to a precarious halftime lead of 13-10, thanks to another Biggar penalty and a second England try, by Anthony Watson, which Ford again failed to convert.

Alas, it was all to fall apart for Wales in the second half. Within eight minutes of the restart, the game was all but over as a contest, with a strangely floundering, pedestrian Wales sliced apart by two quick-silver touchdowns from Marland Yarde and Ben Youngs which transformed the score-line to 22-13, as the far more enterprising English stepped up the pace to dominate all aspects of play.

A fifth, if controversial, try on the hour by Jack Clifford, was merely icing on the cake. Only Ford's wayward boot limited a convincing win to 27-13 – as Gatland's disconsolate troops paid the price for an error-ridden display, epitomised by an unprecedented 20 missed tackles.

One wonders, though, how much the desperately below-par performance had its origins in the Welsh regions' lack of success this season, which meant players had an enforced period of idleness on the sidelines, while opponents stayed battle-hardened.

True or not, that lengthy inactivity will hardly have helped prepare the national squad for the toughest overseas tour of all.

The Welsh camp confessed afterwards that they had "*much to work on*", though adamant that there were "*plenty of positives*" to be drawn from the Twickenham collapse.

There can be no doubt, however, that the result – and, more importantly, the *manner* of the defeat – dealt a damaging, psychological blow which will take some healing on tour – with precious little time to get things right.

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THE COUNTDOWN TO HISTORY BEGINS!

Joe Ledley passes the fitness test as Coleman names his Euro 2016 squad

by GARETH JAMIESON

INJURIES before major tournaments are a regular occurrence; our English neighbours have, over the last few World Cups and European Championships, been concerned with the health of the likes of David Beckham and Wayne Rooney prior to engaging in tournament football.

The actual concept of playing in an international tournament is one alien to Wales' footballers and fans, but if we thought we would have an easy pass before the naming of the 23 players heading to France, we were sharply jolted out of it by the injury to Joe Ledley while representing Crystal Palace.

What was hopefully a minor injury soon became something far more severe, a fractured leg that ruled him out of the FA Cup final and put him, according to Palace manager Alan Pardew, at '50-50' to make the Euros.

To lose such an influential player, both on and off the field, as Chris Coleman's men embark on their French adventure, would have been a painful blow to suffer; and Ledley wasn't the only injury worry for Coleman. Walsall's Tom Bradshaw left the camp with a calf injury and was subsequently ruled out of the tournament, as was Blackburn Rovers defender Adam Henley and Leicester City's Tom Lawrence.

Pivotal midfielder Joe Allen was another on the wounded list with a knee injury, but was named in Coleman's squad on Tuesday afternoon, along with Ledley whose presence will no doubt be a huge boost to players and fans alike.

The other unlucky players to miss out on their trip to Welsh footballing history were Wigan Athletic's Emyr Huws and Newcastle United defender Paul Dummett, who, the former particularly, will feel unfortunate not to have made it into the final squad.

Pointing to success? Chris Coleman has selected the 23 players he hopes will bring Welsh glory this summer. Pictures by HUW EVANS AGENCY

Instead Coleman has gone for a balanced squad that offers depth and potential; it's certainly a squad that, to a degree, picks itself due to the injury woes of a few, but one that, should injury and form come into play, will give Coleman plenty of options.

Wayne Hennessey will occupy the goalkeeper birth, having firmly established himself as the number one, but back-ups Danny Ward and Owain Fon Williams will certainly keep the Crystal Palace keeper on his toes.

The seven defenders picked have all featured fairly regularly for Coleman, and offer a stable and impressive backline on which to build.

Coleman's propensity for playing five at the back means that they may be stretched a little, but if we assume his settled defensive line-up will be Chris Gunter, James Chester, Ashley Williams, Ben Davies and Neil Taylor, then Jazz Richards and the experienced James Collins will provide ample support.

There certainly "Ain't nobody like Joe Ledley" – the midfielder has won his battle to be delared fit for the Euros.

With Ledley's inclusion, the midfielders selected are of an equally high standard, with Joe Allen and Aaron Ramsey likely starters alongside Ledley, and Andy King, David Edwards, and David Vaughn capable replacements, the thrilling Jonny Williams and the flying George Williams filling out the remainder of the berths.

The inclusion of winger David Cotterill with the strikers means that Coleman has opted for five, with the predictable selection of Gareth Bale and Hal Robson-Kanu, along with out-and-out strikers Sam Vokes and Simon Church also included.

With just one more game for Wales before their opening fixture on June 11 against Slovakia, a friendly on Sunday against Sweden, Coleman has just over a week to get the squad prepared for what is likely to be the biggest moment of their lives (Bale's Champions League win and Andy King's Premier League title medal aside). Can these 23 players perform on European football's biggest international stage? Of course they can!

Wigan Athletic midfielder Emryr Huws was perhaps the most unlucky to miss out on selection for the squad.

SQUAD: *Goalkeepers: Wayne Hennessey, Danny Ward, Owain Fon Williams. Defenders: Chris Gunter, James Chester, Ashley Williams, Ben Davies, Neil Taylor, James Collins, Jazz Richards. Midfielders: Joe Allen, Joe Ledley, Aaron Ramsey, Andy King, David Edwards, Jonny Williams, David Vaughan, George Williams. Forwards: Gareth Bale, Hal Robson-Kanu, Sam Vokes, Simon Church, David Cotterill.*

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